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With Robotnik's forces stretched thin, the Freedom Fighters decide that now is time to mount a **SECOND*** rescue attempt of **KING MAX ACORN!** With the help of dashing rouge **Geoffrey St. John**, our heroes must venture into the perilous and unpredictable **ZONE** of **SILENCE** where Robotnik had imprisoned the king at the start of the war! Can Sally's dad be rescued? Or will the zone claim four new victims?

Sonic the Hedgehog #42: "In Every Kingdom There Must Exist A Little Chaos!"

Be Careful who you trust, Sonic! As time runs out for the ailing King Acorn, the Freedom Fighters desperately search for a cure to the crystalization process that is slowly devouring the king's body! Hoping that a chaos emerald can reverse the deadly effects, the gang must turn to the only one they know with a chaos emerald on hand - **NUCKLES THE ECHIDNA!** But will the guardian of the floating island feel so generous?
Yea, right!

*rescue attempt #1 seen in Sonic Archives vol. 9

"Knuckles' Quest"

In order to find a clue as to the whereabouts of King Acorn's magical "royal sword," Knuckles and Tails venture DOWNUNDA to pay a visit to the Ancient Walkers! Upon arrival, the unlikely duo come across ATHAIR, Knuckles' GREAT GRANDFATHER!

Sonic the Hedgehog #43: "The Dream Zone"

King Acorn's condition is worsening, and even the savvy DOCTOR QUACK can't seem to find a cure! It seems the only hope is the "Electro-Ecellographic Memory Inducer," which will allow Sonic to travel into the King's dreaming mind to communicate! Can Sonic somehow convince the King to fight the crystalization process that's ravaging his body? Or is the whole plan just a pipe dream?

Sonic the Hedgehog #44: "Black and Blue and Red All Over"

Leather jackets and black berets? Smells like MOEBIUS to me! Anti-Sonic and Anti-Knuckles are after the floating island's chaos emerald, and only our universe's Knuckles stands in their way! With the help of the Freedom Fighters, Knuckles and the anti-heroes venture back to Moebius and uncover a fiendish plot to flood the submerged city of ATLANTINOPOLIS!

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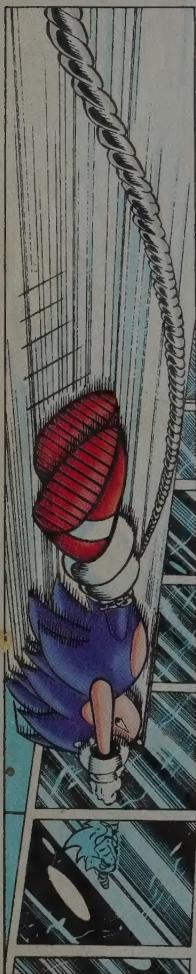
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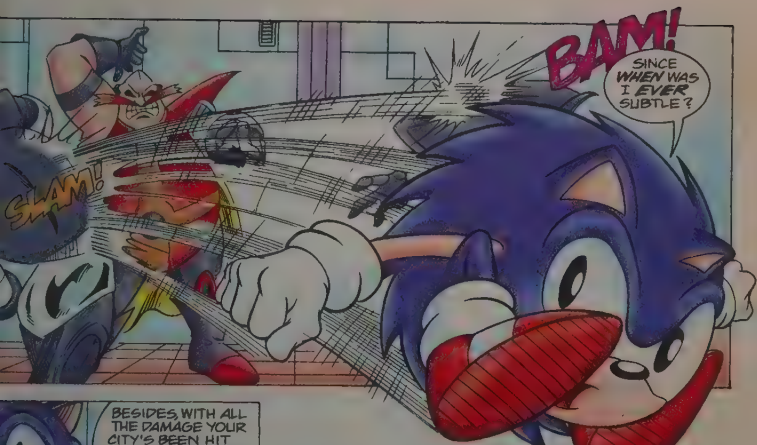
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...and one shall save him! Part I



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BAM!
SINCE WHEN WAS I EVER SUBTLE?



BESIDES, WITH ALL THE DAMAGE YOUR CITY'S BEEN HIT WITH*, ALL I NEED TO DO IS GET WHAT I CAME FOR, AND RUN!

TRYING TO BAG ME YOURSELF IS THE REAL TRICK!

* NOTHING AN EARTHQUAKE IN SONIC #37 AND A FEW BOMBS IN MECHA MADNESS SPECIAL #1 CAN'T TAKE CARE OF -EDITOR.



YOU'VE PUSHED YOUR LUCK TOO FAR THIS TIME, HEDGEHOG!

FOR ONCE--

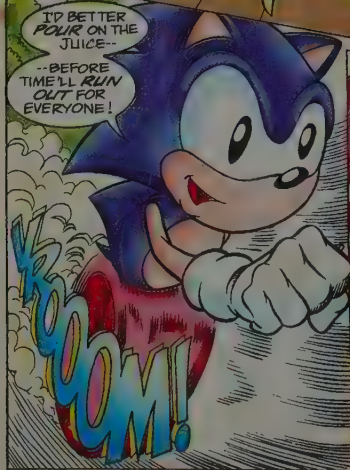
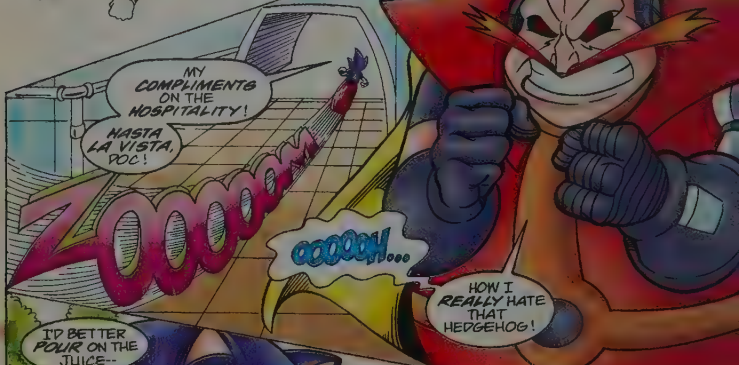
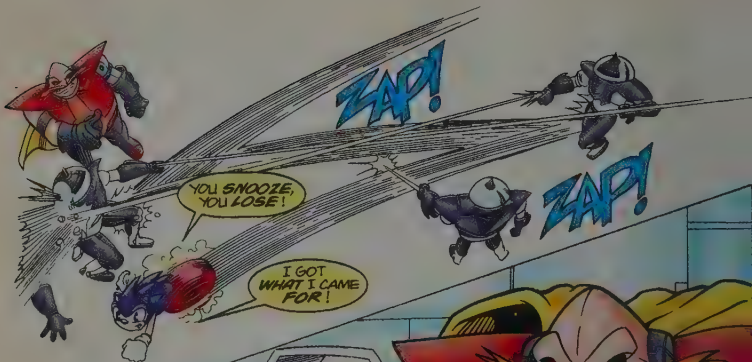


--I'M NOT INTERESTED IN TAKING PRISONERS AND ROBOTICIZING THEM!**

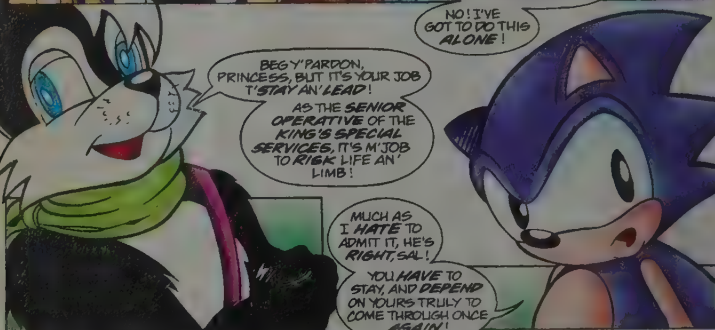
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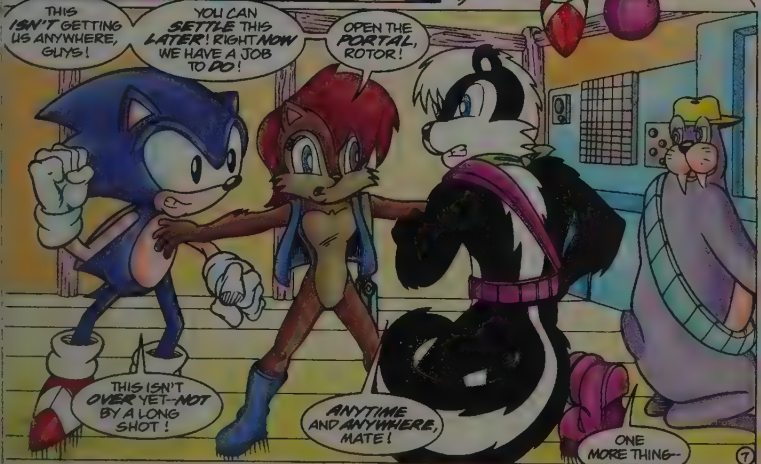
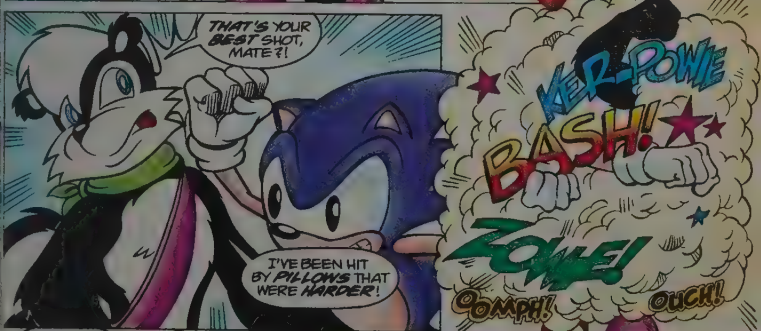
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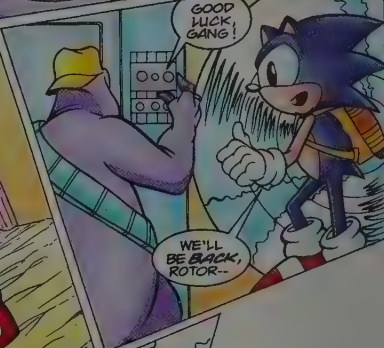
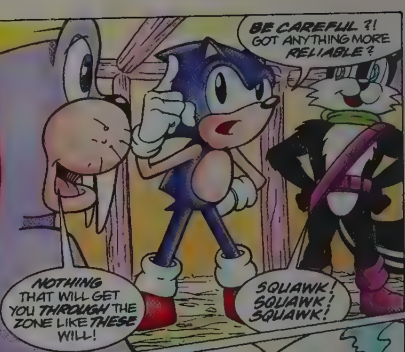
** LIKE HE DID WITH SONIC IN SONIC #39--EDITOR.











...and one shall save him!

I SENSE
HIS ARRIVAL!

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THE
HEDGEHUG™

THE ONLY
FOE TO INVADE
MY DOMAIN
AND ESCAPE MY
WRATH!

HE WILL
NOT BE SO
FORTUNATE...

--THIS
TIME!

EH?

WHAT IS
IT, TOADY?

I BEG YOUR
LORDSHIP'S
INDULGENCE...

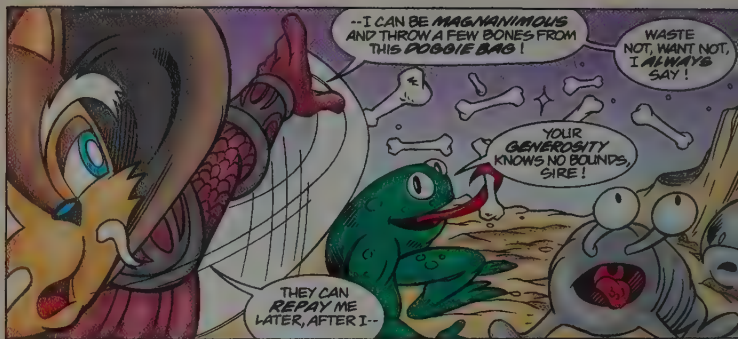
--BUT IT'S BEEN AWHILE
SINCE THE PACK HAS BEEN
FED A DECENT MEAL!

ALL THEY ASK IS A
CRUMB OR TWO, SIRE!

YOUR GROVELING IS IMPECCABLE, AS
ALWAYS, MY FAITHFUL FOOTSTOOL!

BUT
YOUR TIMING
LEAVES A LOT
TO BE
DESIRED!

HOWEVER-



--I CAN BE MAGNANIMOUS
AND THROW A FEW BONES FROM
THIS DOBBIE BAG!

WASTE
NOT, WANT NOT,
I ALWAYS
SAY!

YOUR
GENEROSITY
KNOWS NO BOUNDS,
SIRE!

THEY CAN
REPAY ME
LATER, AFTER I--



FATHER!
OVER HERE!

EH? WHAT DID
YOU SAY, TOADY?

TOADY?!
THAT'S NOT
TOADY!!

FATHER!
WE HAVEN'T
MUCH TIME!

STAND
YOUR GROUND!
ALL OF YOU!!!



FATHER! DON'T YOU
REMEMBER ME--

YOUR
DAUGHTER?

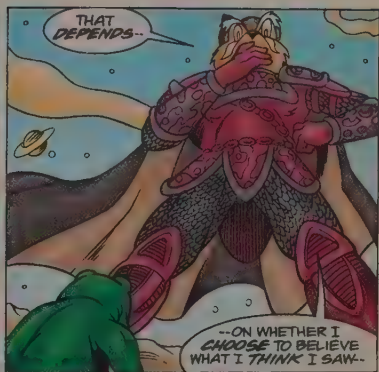
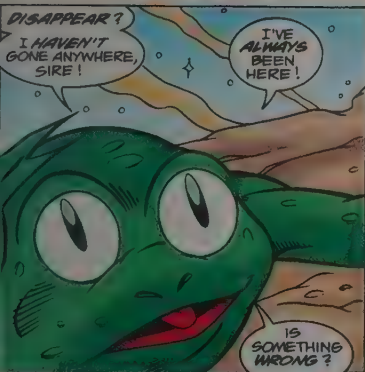
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DAUGHTER?!

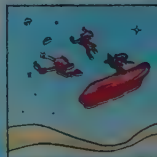
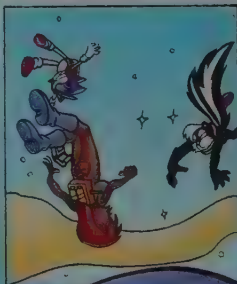
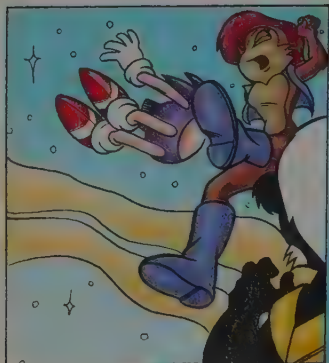


TO WHOM ARE
YOU SPEAKING,
MY LIEGE?

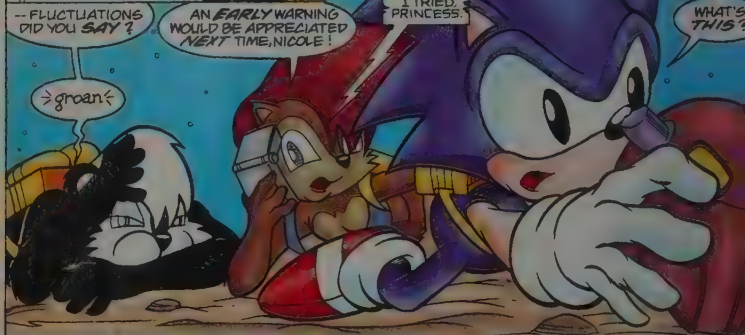
TOADY?!

WHERE DID YOU
DISAPPEAR TO?





WAIT!



-- FLUCTUATIONS
DID YOU SAY ?

AN **EARLY WARNING**
WOULD BE APPRECIATED
NEXT TIME, NICOLE !

I TRIED,
PRINCESS.

WHAT'S
THIS ?

>groan<



IT'S THE **HELMET** YOUR
FATHER WAS **WEARING**
WHEN WE **LAST SAW**
HIM !*

* WE REFER ONCE MORE
TO SONIC *36--EDITOR



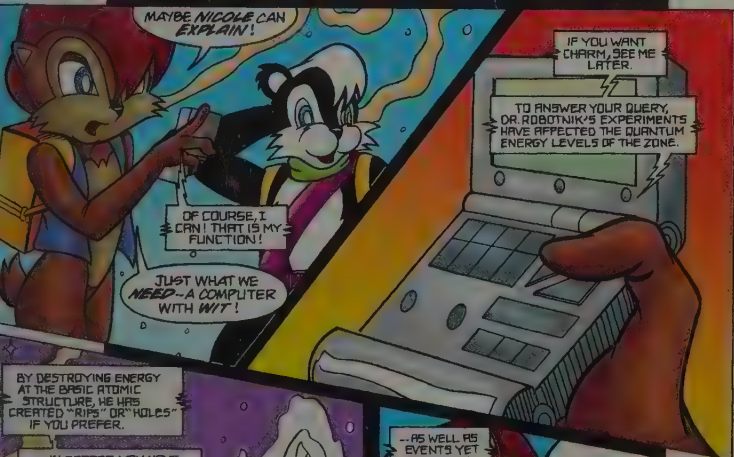
BUT THAT
WOULD MEAN--
THAT--

DON'T EVEN **THINK**
IT, L.N. NOT 'TIL WE'VE
ALL THE **FACTS** !

**SURRENDER, OR ELSE
FACE THE CONSEQUENCES !**

I **DON'T**
BELIEVE IT !

WILL YOU
LOOK AT THAT !





SOME SORT OF BEGGAR-
WALKING AMONG THE
STARS!

THERE'S A
FAMILIARITY
TO 'IS
STRUT!

HE'S
COLLAPSED

STEADY, SAL!
WE DON'T KNOW IF
THIS IS A REELIN' OR
A PREVIEW!

AMAZING! THE
SAME CREATURES IVE
SAW WITH YOUR DAD HAVE
COME ALONG

--AND TAKEN
HIM TO SOME SORT OF
SANCTUARY!

LOOK! THEY'RE
BRINGING HIM TO A
VAST FURNACE!

I THINK
THE OPERATIVE
WORD IS "HAD",
LUV!

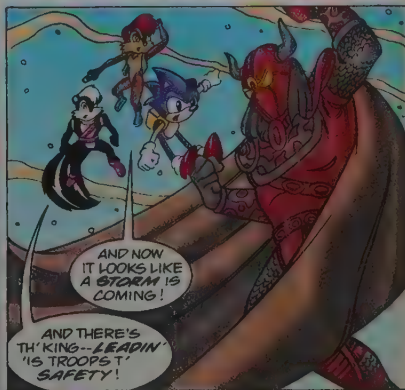
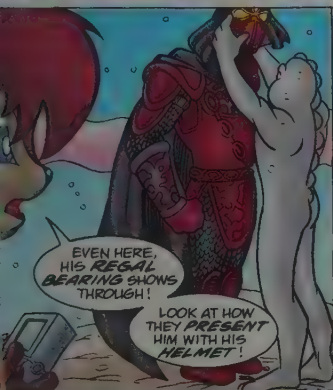
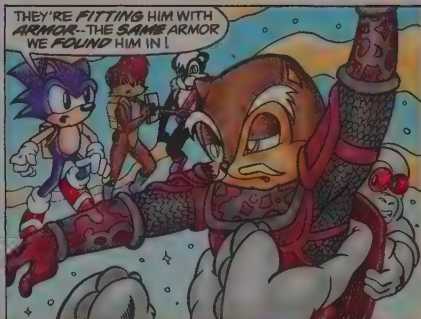
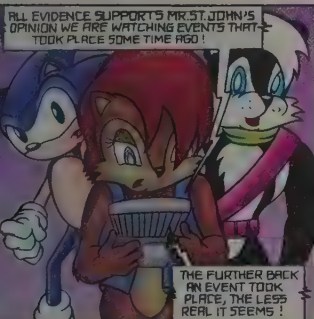
--IT'S
KING ACORN!

THEY'RE
TAKING HIS
HOOD OFF,
AND--

THEY HAVE
DADDY!

WHY
CAN'T WE
HEAR ANY-
THING?

NICOLE?





THIS IS ONE TIME,

SONIC
THE
HEDGEHOG™

--WHERE YOU
CAN'T *OUTPACE*
YOUR FATE!

I'M
NOT SURE I'M
EVEN IN THE
RUNNING!

...and one shall
save him!

Part III

I AM THE *MASTER*
OF THIS DOMAIN, AND YOU
WILL *SUBMIT* YOUR WILL
IN SERVICE TO ME--

--OR YOU
WILL BE ONE
SORRY
HEDGEHOG!

HOW ABOUT WE
FLIP FOR IT? HEADS,
YOU WIN! TAILS, I--

--DO?!!

SALLY!
ST. JOHN!

WHAT ARE
YOU DOING
HERE?

ARE YOU
ALRIGHT, MATE?
YOU'VE BEEN HERE
WITH US! GET WITH
THE PROGRAM!

THE ZONE IS
COLLAPSING,
SONIC--

--AND I'M
AFRAID THERE ISN'T
A THING WE CAN DO
TO STOP IT!

WITH US
BEING DRAWN
INTO THAT COSMIC
WHIRLPOOL--

--WE'LL BE LUCKY
TO SAVE OURSELVES, LET
ALONE MY FATHER!

THERE'S GOTTA
BE A WAY OUT OF THIS
FOR EVERYONE!

MAYBE
NICOLE HAS A
SUGGESTION?

WELL, NICOLE,
DO YOU?

NICOLE?

I'M PROCESSING...

WELL?

TRY PRAYER

THIS IS JUST
PINKUM!

SCREWY
MACHINE

IF ONLY
OUR JET PACKS
WORKED!

INTERESTING
POINT!

JUST WHY
AREN'T THE
JET PACKS
WORKING?

ESSENTIALLY,
THEY'RE OUT
OF FUEL.

WELL, YES,
THAT'S AS GOOD
AN EXPLANATION
AS ANY, I
SUPPOSE!

ANYWAY, CAN
WE RECHARGE
THEM?

ONLY IF YOU ARE ABLE
TO ACCESS ENERGY WITH
A POSITIVE CHARGE.

CAN'T
RUN ON JUST
ANYTHING,
EH?

IT
FIGURES.

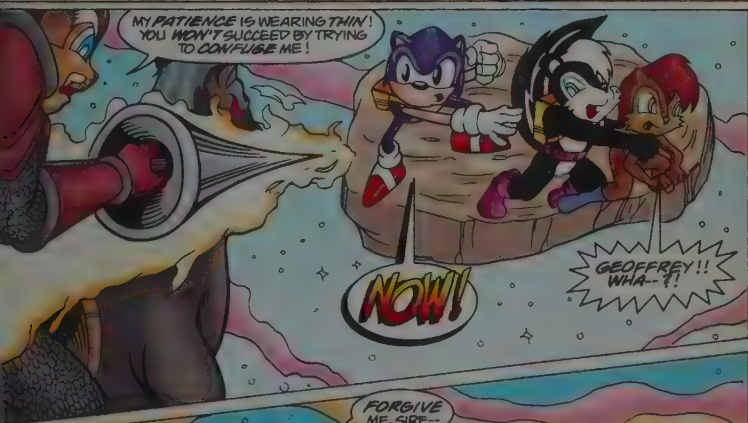
ONE THING'S
FOR SURE--

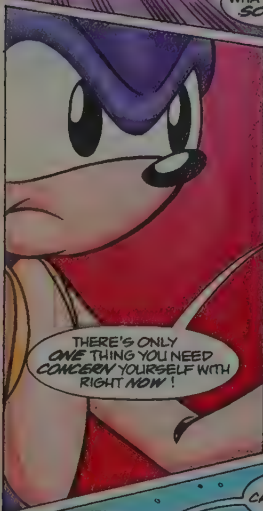
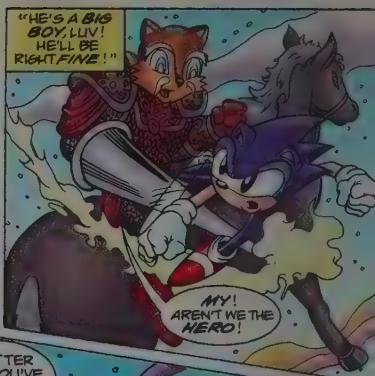
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WHAT'S
THAT?!

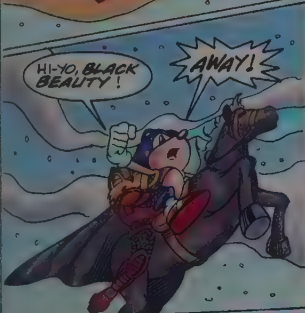
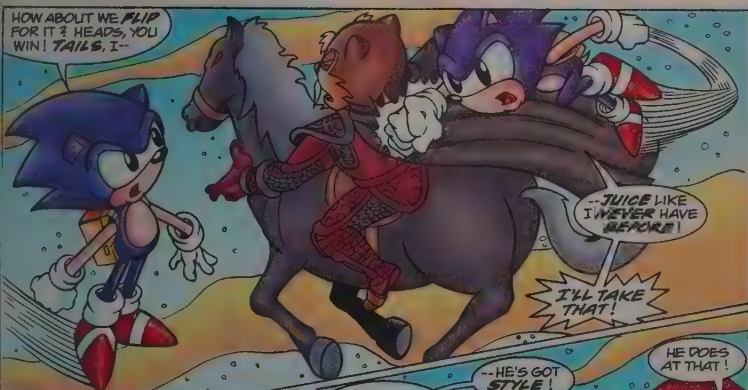
--WHATEVER IT
IS, IT'S GOT PLENTY
O' COMPANY!

KING ACORN'S
MINIONS! THEY'RE
HEADING INTO THE
WHIRLPOOL!









"—THIS ONE'S FOR ALL THE MARBLES!"



ROTOR! THE
PORTAL!

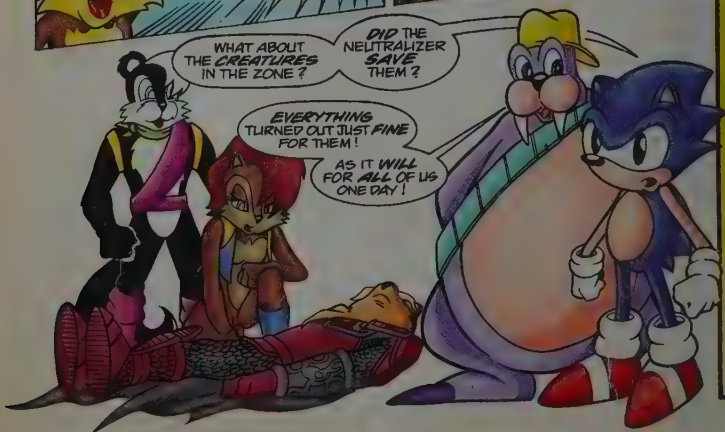
WAY AHEAD
OF YOU,
TAILS!

IS EVERYONE
ALRIGHT?



GET DOCTOR
BLACK
IMMEDIATELY,
ROTOR!

HE'S GOT A VERY
IMPORTANT PATIENT
WAITING FOR
HIM!



WHAT ABOUT
THE CREATURES
IN THE ZONE?

DID THE
NEUTRALIZER
SAVE
THEM?

EVERYTHING
TURNED OUT JUST FINE
FOR THEM!

AS IT WILL
FOR ALL OF US
ONE DAY!

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TYRANNY-- LIKE A DARK CLOUD IT SHADOWS A LAND, CAUSING THE VALIANT TO REBEL, CREATING WAR...

WAR-- ITS SOLDIERS ARE OFTEN CALLED **FREEDOM FIGHTERS**, WHO ARE SOMETIMES DRIVEN TO DESPERATE ACTS, EVEN AGAINST THOSE WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED NEUTRALITY...

NEUTRALITY-- A POSITION IN WAR THE FABLED **FLOATING ISLAND** HAS BEEN UNABLE TO MAINTAIN AS ITS NATIVES LOOK FOR HOPE FROM ITS **GUARDIAN**...

GUARDIAN-- THE ONE BEING THEY DEPEND ON TO PROTECT THEM FROM THE DESPERATE ACTS OF THOSE IN SEARCH OF **FREEDOM** AND THEIR WAR'S INVASION...

INVASION-- SOMETHING **KNUCKLES** THE ECHIDNA NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD HAVE TO CONTENT WITH FROM THE LIKES OF **SONIC THE HEDGEHOG**!

ARE YOU CRAZY--BARGING IN HERE AND DEMANDING I FORK OVER MY **CHAOS EMERALD** ?!

WITHOUT IT, MY **ISLAND** WILL FALL!

I'VE GOTTA HAVE IT -- THE FATE OF **MOBIUS** DEPENDS ON IT!

"IN EVERY KINGDOM THERE MUST EXIST A LITTLE CHAOS!"

PART 1

ROBOTNIK JUST TRIED TO
SINK MY ISLAND*-- NOW YOU
WANT TO FINISH THE JOB?!



≥OFF!≤ NO, BUT
DURING THAT BATTLE
I LEARNED YOU HAD
A SPARE EMERALD WHICH
YOU STOLE FROM THE
POWER RING GROTTO! **

THAT GROTTO'S ON WHAT
USED TO BE ROVAL REAL ESTATE
AND BY RIGHTS IT BELONGS TO KING
ACORN'S FREEDOM FIGHTERS!



≥UGH!≤ SEZ YOU! I
NEED THAT EXTRA EMERALD
FOR "HOME OWNER'S INSURANCE"
AND I WON'T GIVE IT UP!

*NO, YOU DIDN'T MISS A THING, FANS. READ
THE SONICQUEST LIMITED SERIES FOR THE
LOWDOWN. ON SALE NOW!--EDITOR X1

** SUPER SONIC VS. HYPER KNUCKLES#1--EDITOR X2

SONIC!
KNUCKLES! STOP!
THIS WON'T SAVE
KING ACORN'S
LIFE!

WHAT'S
HE MEAN?
THE KING'S
IMPRISONED!

NOT ANY
MORE! WE
FINALLY RESCUED
HIM FROM THE
ZONE OF
SILENCE! ****

THEN
WHAT'S THIS
ABOUT SAVING
HIS LIFE?

SOME UNKNOWN
SIDE EFFECT OF
HIS IMPRISONMENT
IS TURNING HIS
BODY INTO
CRYSTAL. ****




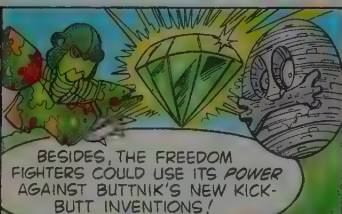
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"TOO MANY FOOT-
NOTES EDITOR"! (2

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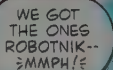
"WE TRIED TO USE A **POWER RING** TO RESTORE HIS HEALTH, BUT IT FAILED!*" 

*SONICQUEST #1 -- EDITOR


"AND WHEN TAILS SAID HE LOOKED LIKE A **CHAOS EMERALD***, I FIGURED MAYBE A REAL ONE WOULD DO THE TRICK!" 

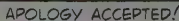
BESIDES, THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS COULD USE ITS **POWER** AGAINST BUTTNIK'S NEW KICK-BUTT INVENTIONS! 

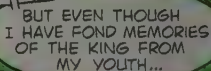
IF IT'S **POWER** YOU NEED, WHY DON'T YOU JUST GET MORE **RINGS** FROM THE **GROTTO**? 

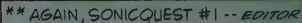
WE GOT THE ONES **ROBOTNIK**--
=MMPH!= 

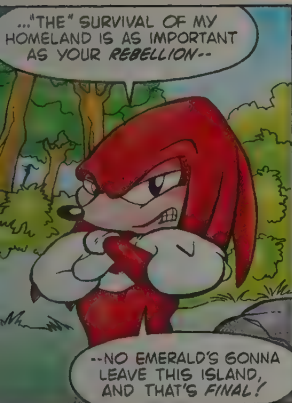
WHAT HE MEANS IS WE TRIED, BUT BUTTNIK** SUCKED IT DRY!

SORRY I WAS HASTY, BUT NOW YOU KNOW I'VE GOTTA HAVE THAT **EMERALD**! 

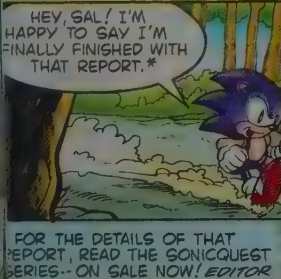
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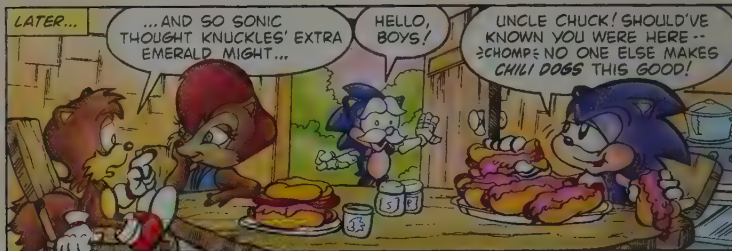
BUT EVEN THOUGH I HAVE FOND MEMORIES OF THE KING FROM MY YOUTH... 

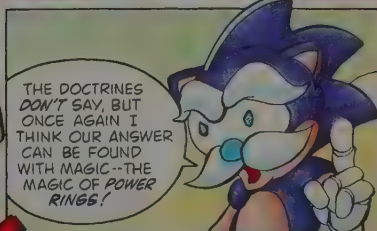
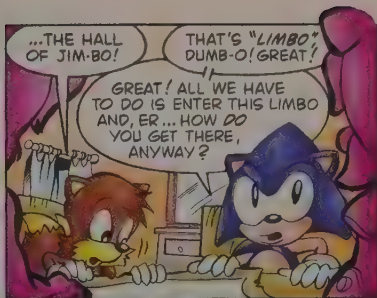
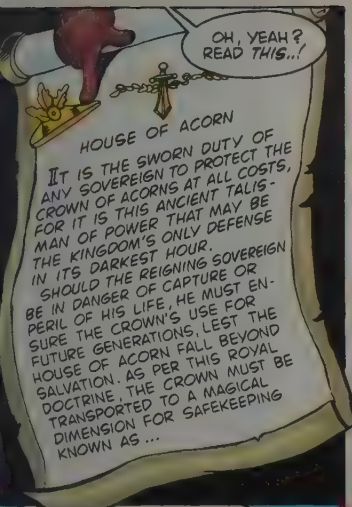
** AGAIN, SONICQUEST #1 -- EDITOR 



AS ONE "DOOR" CLOSES ON THE FLOATING ISLAND,
ANOTHER OPENS IN **KNOTHOLE** THE NEXT DAY...







ACCORDING TO ANTOINE & BUNNIE'S REPORT, A RING APPEARS OUT OF THE LAKE ONCE EVERY HOUR. THE NEXT ONE IS DUE TO COME OUT IN A FEW MINUTES.

"IN EVERY KINGDOM THERE MUST EXIST A LITTLE CHAOS!"

PART 2

SO WHY ARE WE WAITING *HERE*, SO FAR FROM THE LAKE "AUNT" SALLY?

WELL, YOU KNOW ITS EXISTENCE IS SUPPOSED TO BE A *SECRET* FROM EVERYONE BUT UNCLE CHUCK AND THE *CORE* FREEDOM FIGHTERS...

... BUT WE'RE WORRIED THAT THOSE *COMBOTS* MAY HAVE TRANSMITTED ITS LOCATION TO BUTTNIK AFTER AMBUSHING US!*

*SONIC #38 -- EDITOR

SO UNCLE CHUCK SET UP A MEETING *HERE* WITH FLY FLY FREDDY TO REPORT ON WHAT ROBOTNIK REALLY KNOWS.

THE *SPY NETWORK*** SHOULD KNOW THE SCORE...

...PROVIDING FRED EVER GETS *HERE*...
=WHOA!
SLEUTH!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING *HERE*?

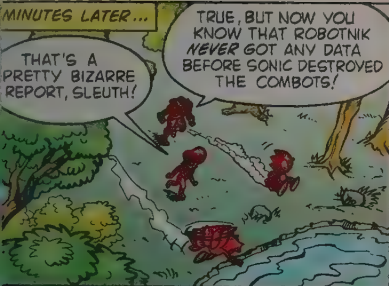
SORRY TO STARTLE YOU! FRED'S COVER WAS ALMOST BLOWN, BUT I WAS ABLE TO LEAVE ROBOTROPOLIS SAFELY!

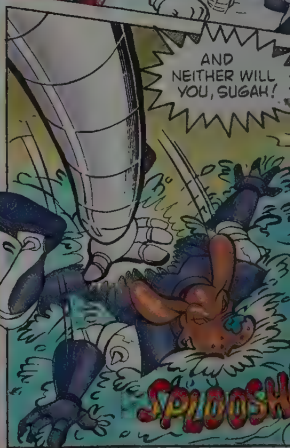
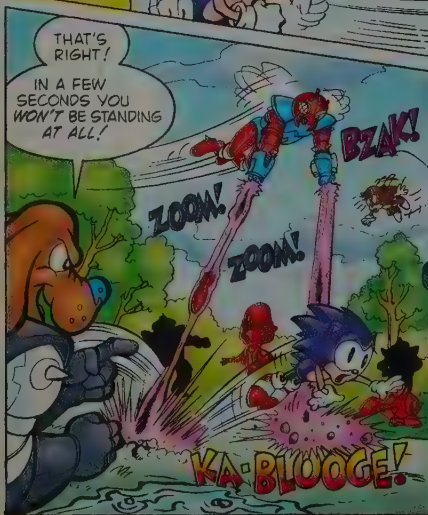
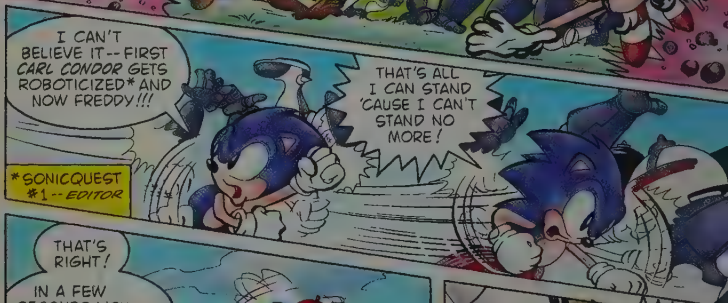
LET ME DETAIL *HIS* REPORT WHILE WE HEAD OVER TO THE LAKE!

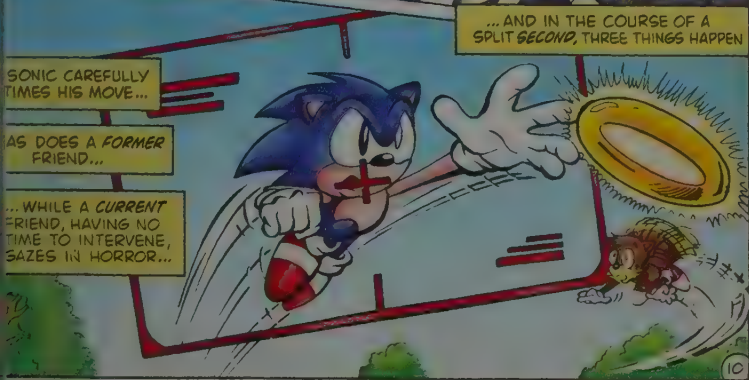
THIS ISN'T STANDARD PROCEDURE, SOLDIER!

TOO TRUE, SAL! BUT SINCE WE'RE ALREADY *BEHIND* SCHEDULE, I THINK WE CAN TRUST HIM WITH ITS LOCATION!

**LAST SEEN IN SONIC#38 -- EDITOR







THANKFULLY, THE DAWNING OF A NEW FRIENDSHIP IS WELL-TIMED FOR THE NEXT SECOND WITH SONIC REAPING THE REWARDS!

ZORD!

KRASH!

I'M JUST IN TIME!

FUNNY, THAT'S WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY!

I GUESS IT'S TRUE WHAT THEY SAY--"ALL GOOD THINGS COME FROM ABOVE!"

I ONCE SAID THAT AND THEN A PIGEON FLEW OVER MY HEAD...!

MIGHT I REMIND YOU COMEDIANS, WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF BATTLE?!

MIGHT I REMIND YOU THAT NOT ONLY AM I FAST ON MY FEET...

KA-POW!

POW!

POW!

...I'M ALSO WELL-ARMED FOR BATTLE!



SO, THIS IS
WHAT'S LEFT OF
THE ONCE BEAUTIFUL
KINGDOM OF ACORN?!
WAR SURE LEAVES
ITS SCARS!

I'LL GIVE
YOU THE NICKEL
TOUR LATER!

RIGHT NOW
I WANT TO KNOW
WHAT BROUGHT
YOU HERE?

"IN EVERY
KINGDOM THERE
MUST EXIST A
LITTLE CHAOS!"

THAT WAS MY
DOING, SONIC!

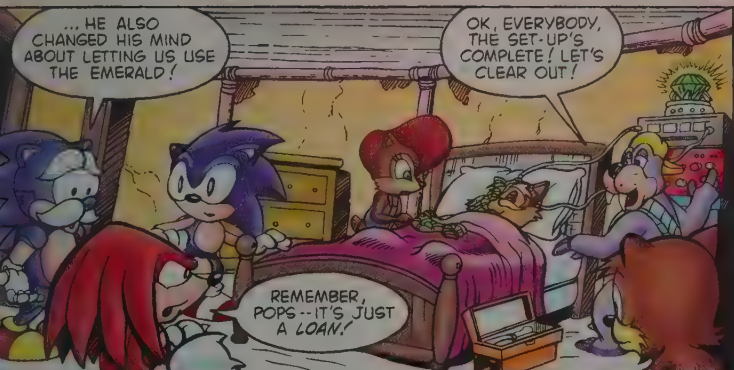
"FOR SOME TIME I'VE
SUSPECTED THERE MAY BE
A DOUBLE AGENT IN OUR
SPY NETWORK..."

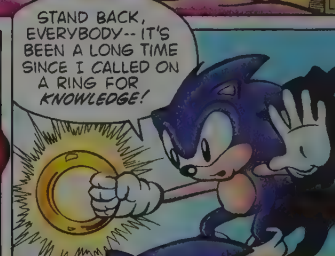
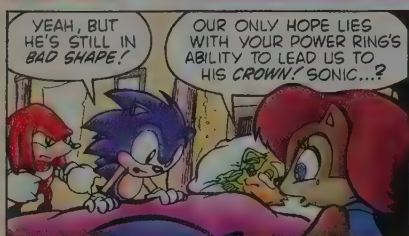
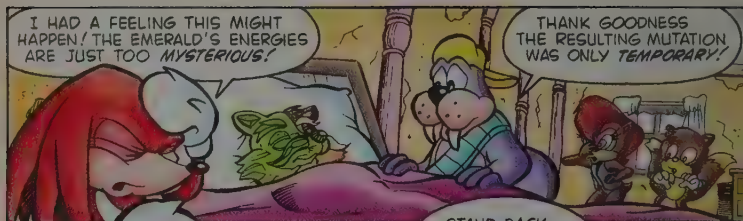
"...AND MY FEARS WERE CONFIRMED WHEN
FRED FAILED TO REPORT FOR ORDERS..."

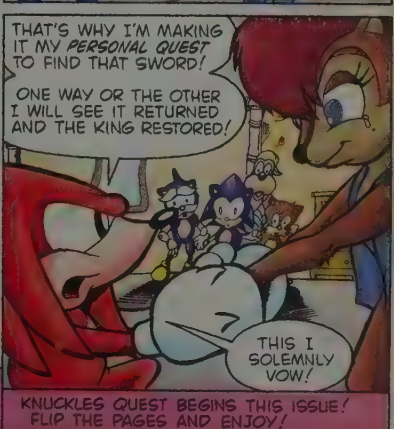
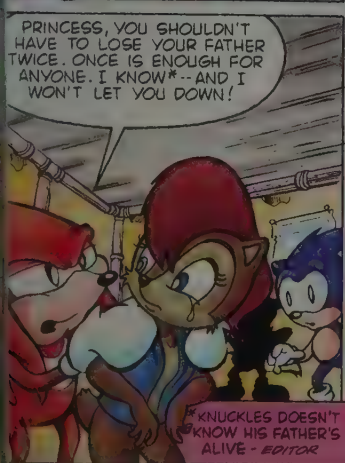
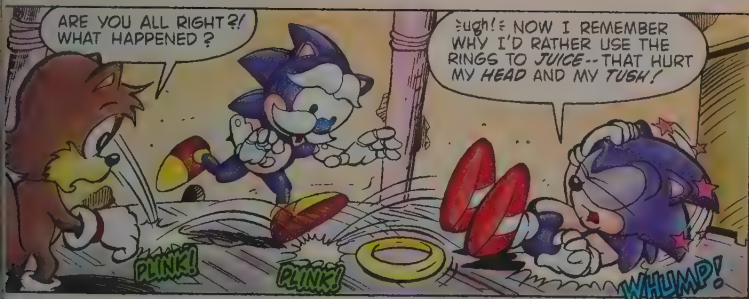
"NOT KNOWING WHO I COULD NOW
TRUST, I THOUGHT IT BEST TO CALL
ON OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE..."

"USING AN OUTDATED AND UNTRACEABLE
FREQUENCY, I RADIOED KNUCKLES..."

"NOT ONLY DID HE
AGREE TO HELP..."

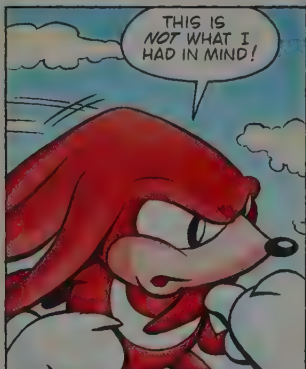






*KNUCKLES DOESN'T KNOW HIS FATHER'S ALIVE - EDITOR

KNUCKLES QUEST BEGINS THIS ISSUE!
FLIP THE PAGES AND ENJOY!

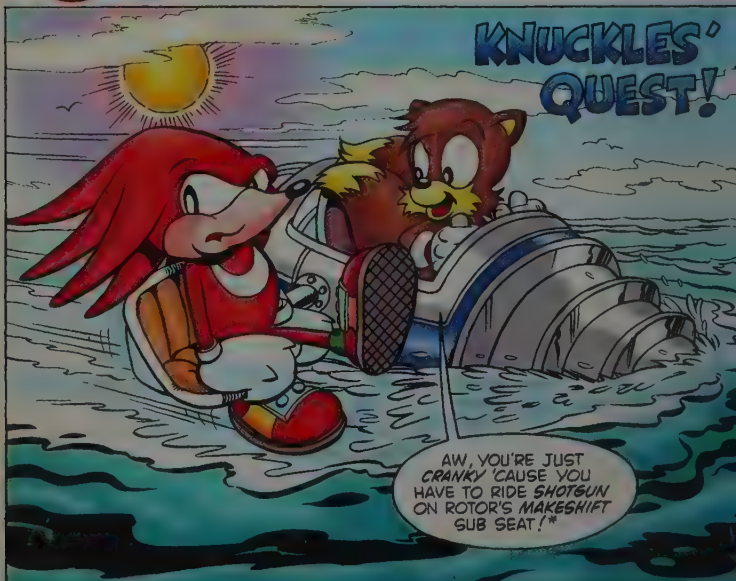


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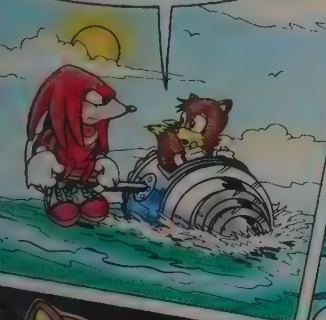
MINDY
EISMAN
LETTERER

BARRY
GROSSEMAN
COLORIST



*EVERYONE REMEMBER THE SEA FOX FROM TAILS' MINI-SERIES? -EDITOR

BESIDES, YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID, "IF I'M GOING TO FIND A MAGIC SWORD, I BETTER START BY REACHING OUT TO A GREAT SOURCE OF MAGIC!"

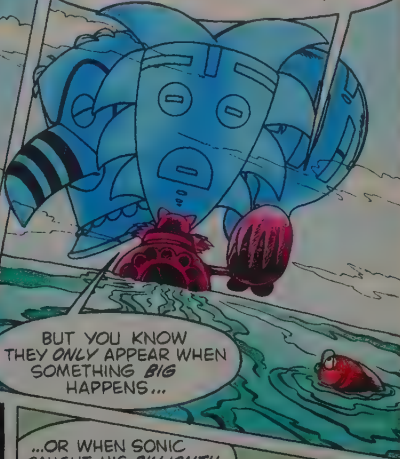


...LIKE THE TIME YOU THOUGHT YOU WENT TO ECHIDNA HEAVEN... *



SONIC TRIPLE TROUBLE 1 - EDITOR

YEAH, BUT WHEN I SAID, "I'LL START MY PERSONAL QUEST BY CONTACTING THE ANCIENT WALKERS," I MEANT BY-- MY--SELF!

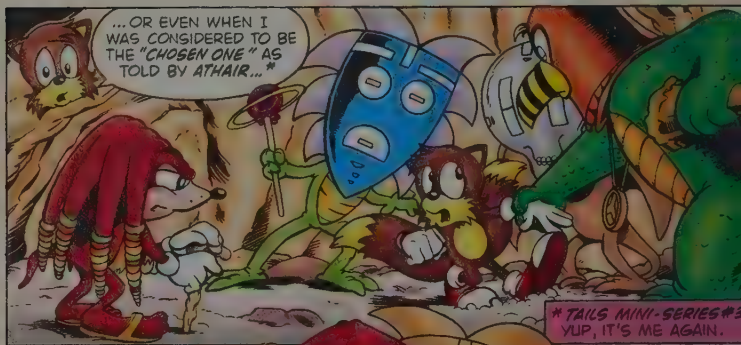


BUT YOU KNOW THEY ONLY APPEAR WHEN SOMETHING BIG HAPPENS...

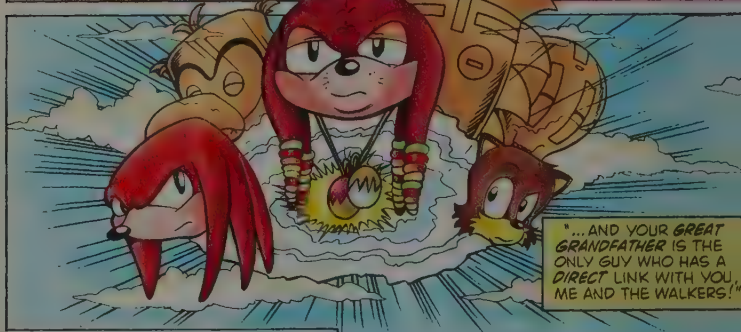
...OR WHEN SONIC CAUGHT HIS BILLIONTH POWER RING... *



*SONIC #35 - EDITOR



* TAILS MINI-SERIES #3
YUP, IT'S ME AGAIN.



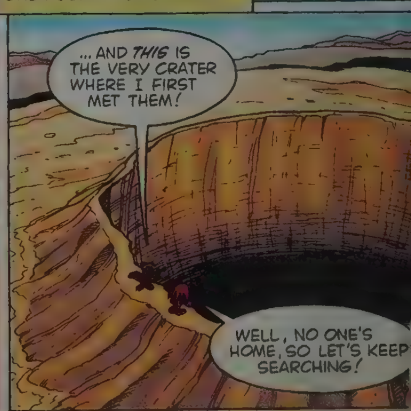
"...AND YOUR GREAT
GRANDFATHER IS THE
ONLY GUY WHO HAS A
DIRECT LINK WITH YOU,
ME AND THE WALKERS!"



...AND HE
WAS LAST
SEEN ON...

DOWNUNDA!
LAND HO!

ONE HOUR AFTER DOCKING...



... AND THIS IS
THE VERY CRATER
WHERE I FIRST
MET THEM!

WELL, NO ONE'S
HOME, SO LET'S KEEP
SEARCHING!

.. AND SEVERAL HOURS LATER...

OH, NO, KID,
YOU LED US IN
CIRCLES!

BIG DEAL! I STILL SAY
WE'LL FIND ATHAIR HERE!
AFTER ALL, THIS CRATER IS
THE FORMER SITE OF THE
FLOATING ISLAND...!

WHAT?! NO WAY!
IMPOSSIBLE! OK, KID,
I THINK I'VE HAD
ENOUGH OF YOUR...

THINK? DO
YOU REALLY,
IMMATURE
ONE...?

ATHAIR!

QUITE A BOLD
WORD FOR A
GUARDIAN
WHOSE ACTIONS
RESOLVE
AROUND
FISTICUFFS!

WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE?
YOU WERE THE ONLY MEMBER
OF MY FAMILY WHO DIDN'T HAVE
THE COURAGE TO BECOME OUR
HOMELAND'S GUARDIAN!

WHO ARE YOU TO JUDGE?
WISDOM DECREES THAT IT
IS BETTER TO SAFEGUARD A
UNIVERSE THAN JUST ONE
PEBBLE IN ITS BELLY!

THAT'S JUST MYSTIC
PSYCHO BABBLE!

YOU GUYS
CERTAINLY HAVE
QUITE A
HISTORY...!

OUR HISTORY IS A MATTER
OF GENETICS, DOUBLE TAIL...
BUT WE HAVE NEVER MET!

LOOK, THE REASON
WE CAME HERE...HUH?!

...IS KNOWN
ONLY TOO
WELL....!

HEY, WHAT'S
THIS TRICK? WHY
IS IT GETTING
SO DARK?

WHAT'S
HAPPENING
TO US?!

YOU ARE
TRAVELING TO
THE LIMITS OF
INFINITY... BUT
THERE ARE
NO LIMITS TO
INFINITY...

...SO YOUR TRAVEL
TAKES YOU BACK TO
WHERE YOU STARTED
YET YOU HAVE NOT
TRAVELED AT ALL...

KER-
PLUNK!

HEY, THAT'S NOT
YOU TALKING...!

O, IT WAS
THEM....!

...THE
ANCIENT
WALKERS!!!

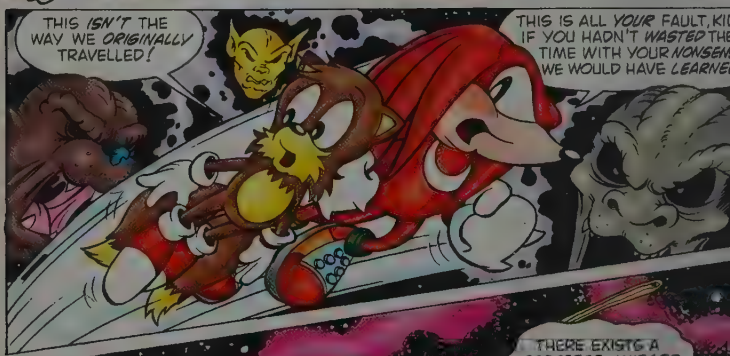
UH--HELLO! WE'RE
HERE TO SAVE KING
CORN! YOU KNOW HIM,
RIGHT? HE'S HOME NOW,
BUT HE'S CRACKING UP--
UH--ERR--TURNING
TO CRYSTAL! AND WE
NEED TO KNOW HOW A
CHAOS EMERALD CAN
SAVE HIM! SO PLEASE
HELP US, OKAY?

JEEZ! AND I
ACCUSED ATHAIR
OF PSYCHO
BABBLE!!

THROUGH TIME AND
SPACE AND ALTERNATE
DIMENSIONS...PROPERTIES
EXIST BEYOND
COMPREHENSION...

ARTIFACTS OF
ANCIENT AND UNFATHOMABLE
POWER...EXIST TO AID AND
MAKE MEN COWER...

COGNIZANT BY
BEINGS OF SCIENCE
AND MYSTIC SHAMAN...
A SOVEREIGN ROYAL
AND AN EMERALD
HAVE NOTHING IN
COMMON!





A CHARLATAN, ENCHANTRESS
AND PALADIN WITH FAIRNESS
AND COURAGE THOU MUST FACE...

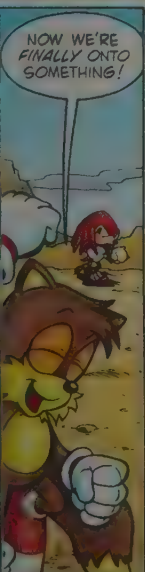
...WITH PATIENCE AND
FORTITUDE A BLADE OF STEEL
THOU MAY EMBRACE!



WE'RE BACK
ON DOWNUNDA!
AND THOSE LAST
IMAGES...

I KNOW! THEY REPRESENT
BEINGS OF POWER WHO MAY
HAVE A CLUE TO THE WHERE-
ABOUTS OF THE KING'S SWORD!

WALP!



NOW WE'RE
FINALLY ONTO
SOMETHING!



NO, KID!
I'M ONTO
SOMETHING!

I'VE GOT PLACES
TO GO AND PEOPLE
TO SEE, AND NO
MATTER WHAT DANGER
I MAY FACE...



...FROM HERE
ON I GO IT
ALONE!!!

KNUCKLES' QUEST
WILL CONTINUE SOON!
KEEP READING SONIC
GRAMS FOR DETAILS!

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OUT OF THE WAY,

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ONE HIGHLY
EXPERIENCED
PHYSICIAN COMIN'
THROUGH!

HEY!
WHERE'S
THE FIRE,
DOC?

I'VE GOT
PATIENTS TO
WORRY ABOUT AND
DISEASES TO
DIAGNOSE--

THE
Dream
ZONE
PART ONE

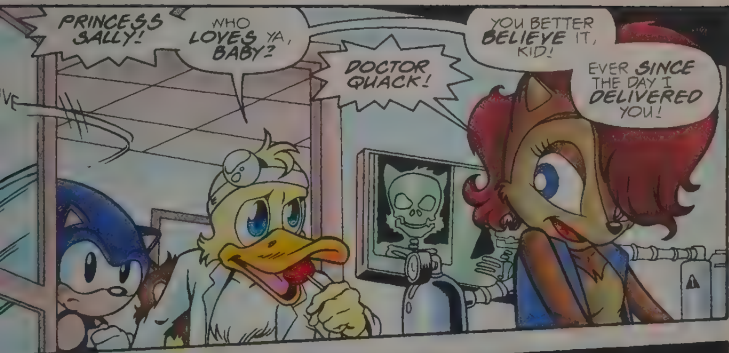
--AND
DOCTOR
KILDARE
WANTS A
REPORT!

CHECK WITH
MY SECRETARY
FOR INFO, SONIC!
I HAVEN'T TIME
RIGHT NOW!

LET'S JUST
FOLLOW HIM,
SONIC!

HE MAY
BE HEADING
TOWARDS--





PRINCESS SALLY!

WHO LOVES YA, BABY?

DOCTOR QUACK!

YOU BETTER BELIEVE IT, KID!

EVER SINCE THE DAY I DELIVERED YOU!

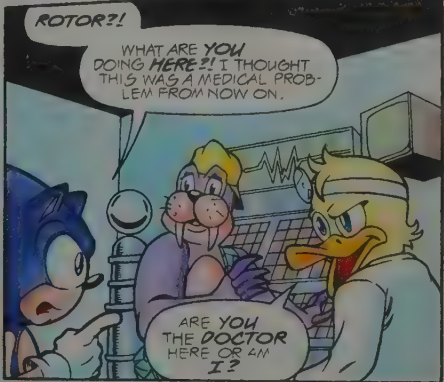


YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN A FAVORITE OF MINE!

NOW--

WHERE'S MY PATIENT?

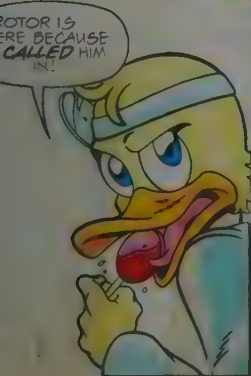
RIGHT THIS WAY, DOCTOR.



ROTOR?!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?! I THOUGHT THIS WAS A MEDICAL PROBLEM FROM NOW ON.

ARE YOU THE DOCTOR HERE OR AM I?



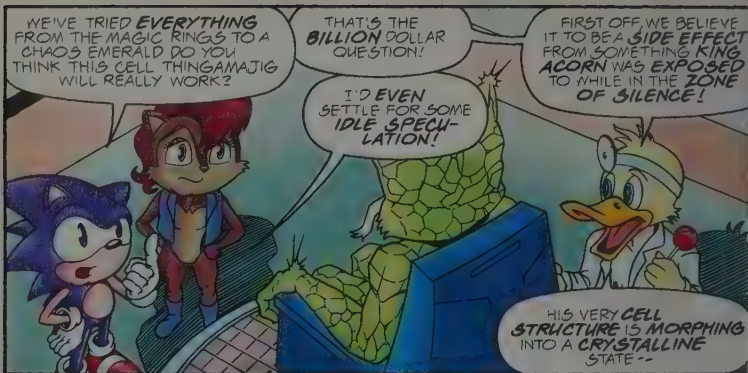
ROTOR IS HERE BECAUSE I CALLED HIM IN!



WE NEEDED HIS EXPERTISE TO UTILIZE OUR NEW CELL REGENERATOR--

--IN ORDER TO STOP KING ACORN FROM CRYSTALLIZING ANY FURTHER!

:GASP: THAT'S SOME SETUP YOU GOT, DOC!



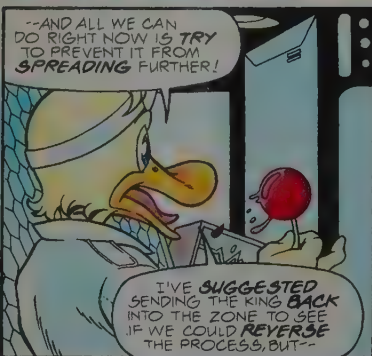
WE'VE TRIED **EVERYTHING** FROM THE MAGIC RINGS TO A CHAOS EMERALD DO YOU THINK THIS CELL THINGAMAJIG WILL REALLY WORK?

THAT'S THE **BILLION DOLLAR** QUESTION!

I'D EVEN SETTLE FOR SOME **IDEAL SPECULATION!**

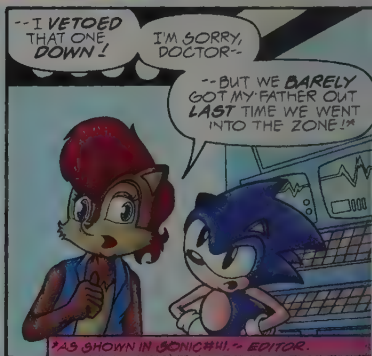
FIRST OFF, WE BELIEVE IT TO BE A **SIDE EFFECT** FROM SOMETHING **KING ACORN** WAS EXPOSED TO WHILE IN THE **ZONE OF SILENCE!**

HIS VERY CELL **STRUCTURE** IS MORPHING INTO A **CRYSTALLINE** STATE--



--AND ALL WE CAN DO RIGHT NOW IS **TRY** TO PREVENT IT FROM **SPREADING** FURTHER!

I'VE **SUGGESTED** SENDING THE KING **BACK** INTO THE **ZONE** TO SEE IF WE COULD **REVERSE** THE PROCESS, BUT--

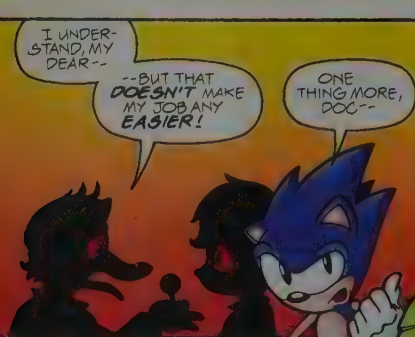


--I **VETOED** THAT ONE **DOWN!**

I'M SORRY, **DOCTOR--**

--BUT WE **BARELY** GOT MY FATHER OUT **LAST** TIME WE WENT INTO THE **ZONE!**

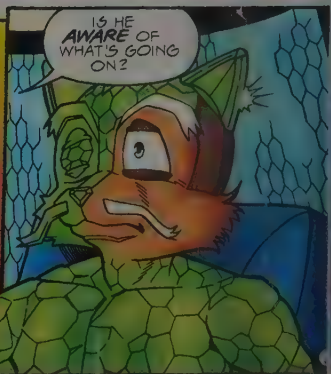
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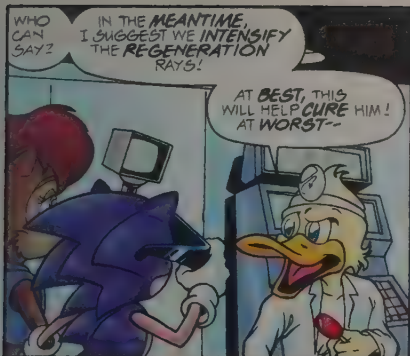
I UNDERSTAND, MY DEAR--

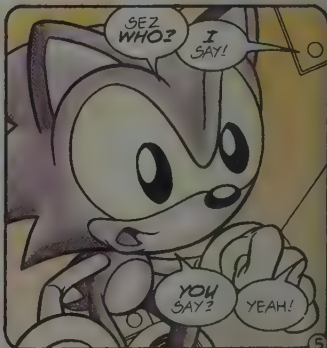
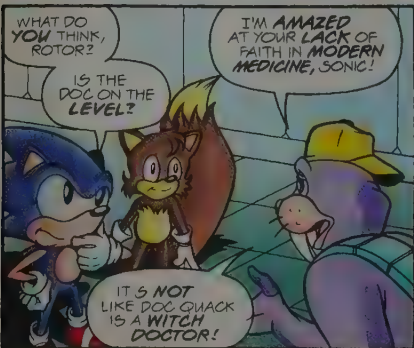
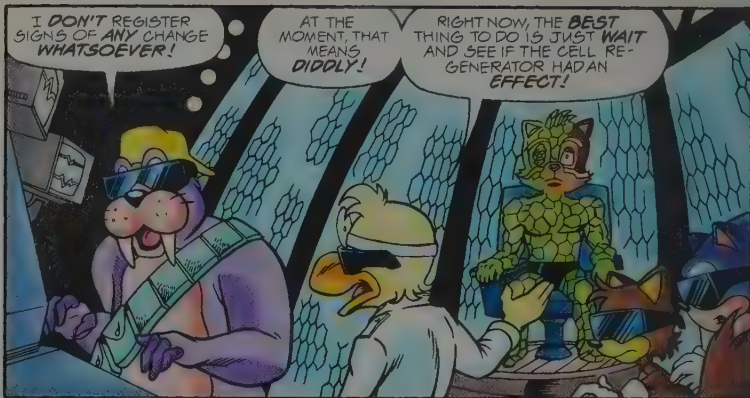
--BUT THAT **DOESN'T** MAKE MY JOB ANY **EASIER!**

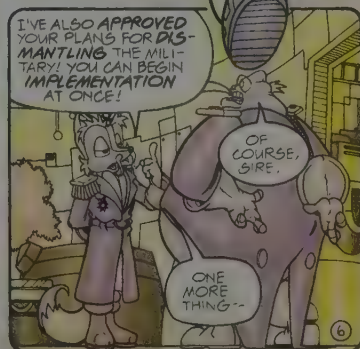
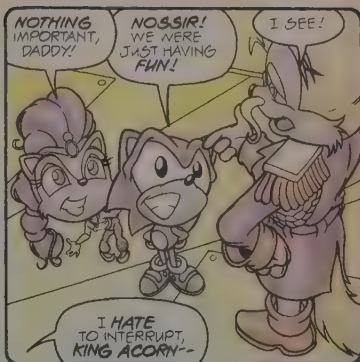
ONE THING MORE, **DOC--**

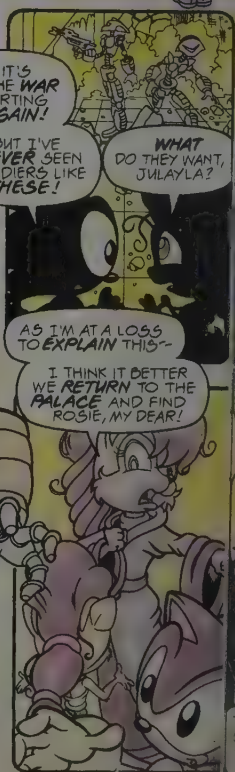
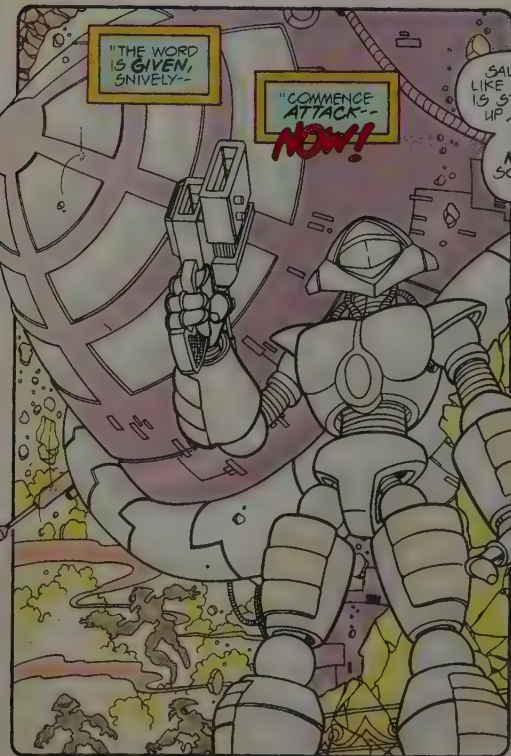
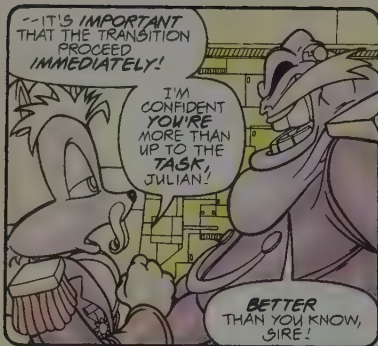


IS HE **AWARE** OF WHAT'S GOING ON?







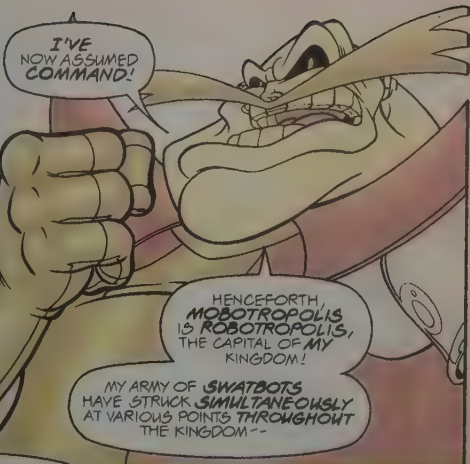




"I'M SURE KING ACORN IS AWARE OF THE SITUATION!"

JULIAN!
WHAT'S GOING
ON HERE?

YOUR
MAJESTY,
MEMBERS OF
THE ROYAL
COURT--



I'VE
NOW ASSUMED
COMMAND!

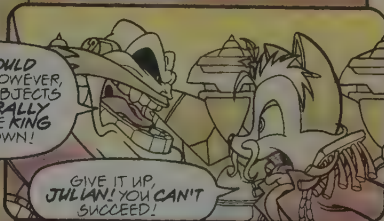
HENCEFORTH,
ROBOTROPOLIS
IS ROBOTROPOLIS,
THE CAPITAL OF MY
KINGDOM!

MY ARMY OF SWATBOTS
HAVE STRUCK SIMULTANEOUSLY
AT VARIOUS POINTS THROUGHOUT
THE KINGDOM--



--VIRTUALLY HALTING ANY
CHANCE OF RESISTANCE!

THAT COULD
CHANGE, HOWEVER,
IF THE SUBJECTS
WERE TO RALLY
AROUND THE KING
AND CROWN!



GIVE IT UP,
JULIAN! YOU CAN'T
SUCCEED!



AS FOR
YOU, KING
ACORN--

ROBOTNIK!

THE NAME IS NO
LONGER JULIAN--FROM
THIS DAY FORWARD
I AM--



--I HEREBY
BANISH YOU
TO THE
ZONE OF
SILENCE--

--FOREVER!

OH,
MY!

END OF
PART I

I THOUGHT IF I FOUND YOU,

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THE Dream ZONE PART TWO

I'D FIND
PRINCESS
SALLY AS
WELL!

AM I
GOOD OR
WHAT, EH?

PUT A
SOCK IN IT,
ST. JOHN!

WHEN WE
NEED COMEDY
RELIEF WE'LL
ASK FOR IT!



Oh,
GEOFFREY!
I'M SO GLAD
YOU CAME!

SAL--?

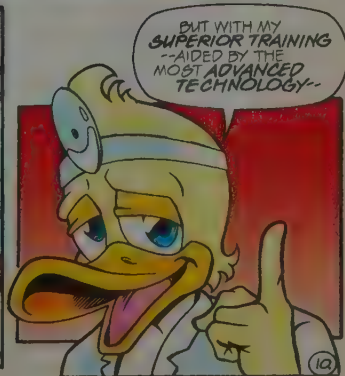
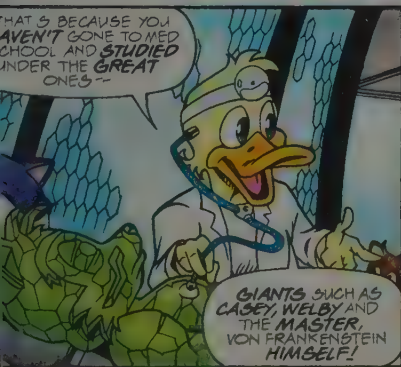
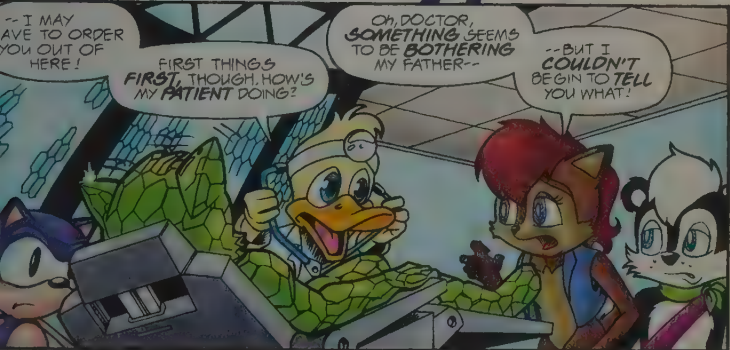


THERE, THERE,
LUV! EVERYTHING
WILL SOON BE
RIGHT FINE!

I THINK
I'M GONNA
THROW
UP!

SONIC! ARE
YOU GETTING SICK
AS WELL?







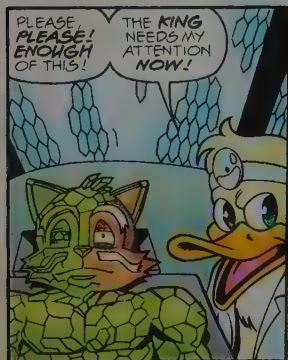
--I **SHOULD**
BE ABLE TO AT LEAST
GUESS WHAT THE
MATTER IS!

REALLY?
WHAT A
SHOCKER!



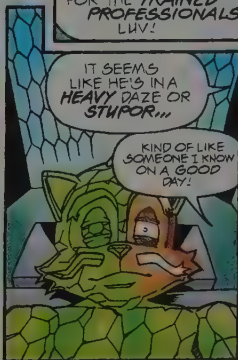
SONIC, **DOCTOR**
QUACK IS RENOWNED
FOR HIS WORK IN THE
VETERINARY
SCIENCES!

SOME BLOKES
HAVEN'T **ANY** REGARD
FOR THE **TRAINED**
PROFESSIONALS,
LUV!



PLEASE
PLEASE!
ENOUGH
OF THIS!

THE **KING**
NEEDS MY
ATTENTION
NOW!



IT SEEMS
LIKE HE'S IN A
HEAVY DAZE OR
STUPOR...

KIND OF LIKE
SOMEONE I KNOW
ON A GOOD
DAY!



IF ONLY
HE COULD
RESPOND--

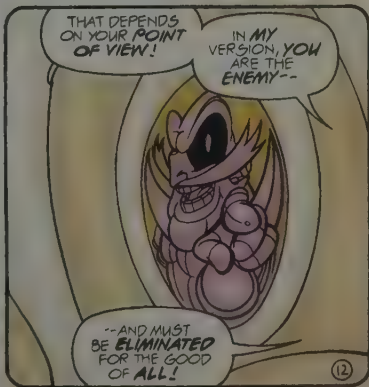
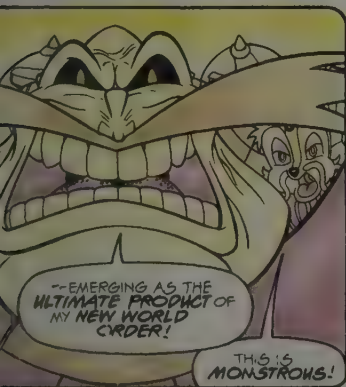


--THERE
WOULDN'T BE
ANY OF THIS!

HAVE YOU **NO** HONOR,
JULIAN? **NO** SENSE OF
RESPONSIBILITY
OR LOYALTY?

Oh, BUT
I **DO**, KING
ACORN!

I HAVE A
RESPONSIBILITY TO
RESTORE **ORDER**
FROM **CHAOS**.



THAT DEPENDS ON YOUR POINT OF VIEW!

--AND MUST BE ELIMINATED FOR THE GOOD OF ALL!

THIS IS MONSTROUS!

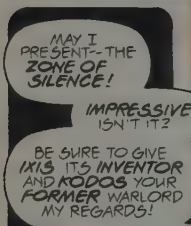


NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, JULIAN, SOMEHOW I WILL STOP YOU!

COURAGEOUS WORDS, SIRE, BUT WHERE YOU'RE GOING--

-- THAT WON'T BE POSSIBLE!

OPEN THE PORTAL!

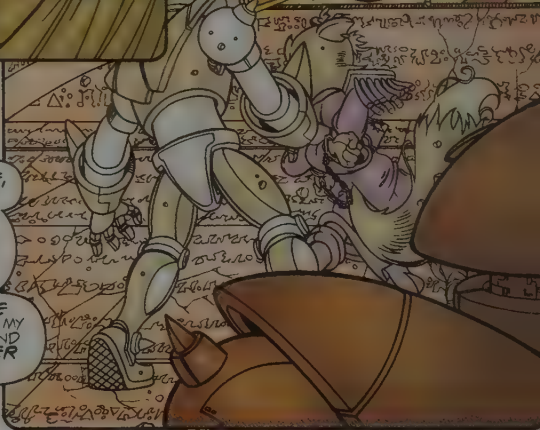


MAY I PRESENT-- THE ZONE OF SILENCE!

IMPRESSIVE, ISN'T IT?

BE SURE TO GIVE IXIS ITS INVENTOR AND KODOS YOUR FORMER WARLORD MY REGARDS!

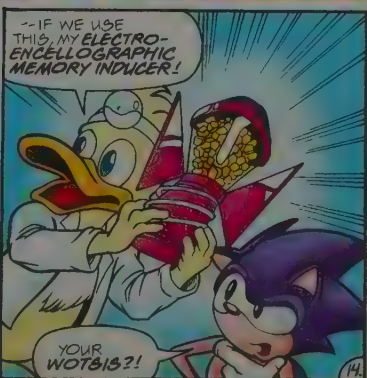
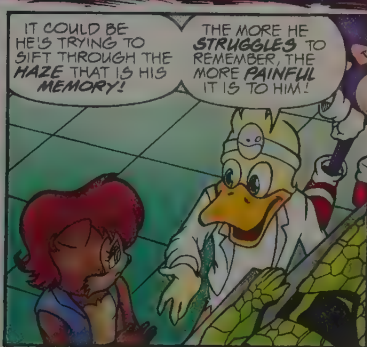
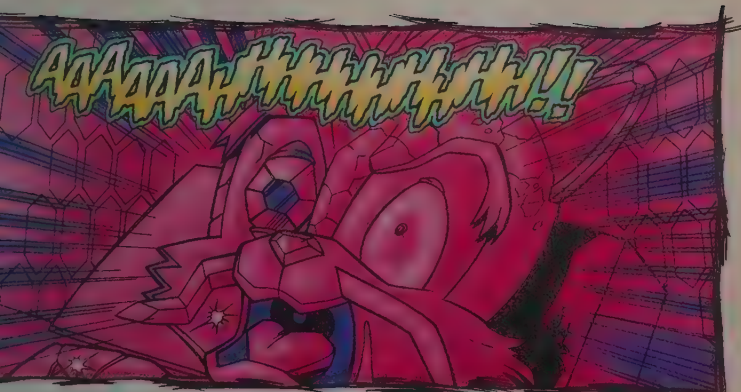
A SAFE JOURNEY, MY ONCE AND FORMER KING!

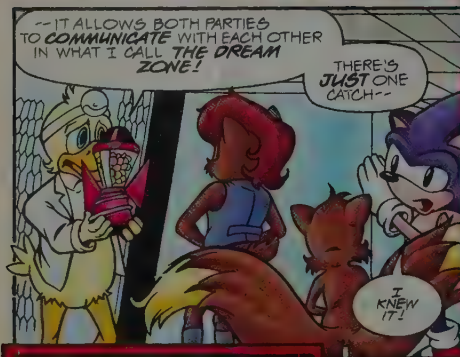
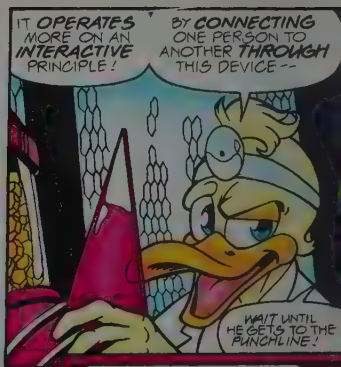


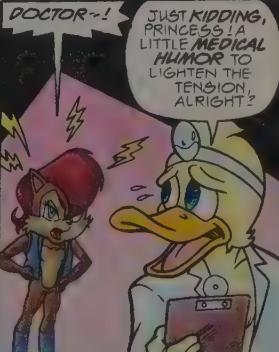
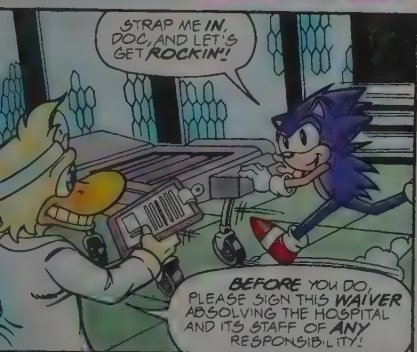
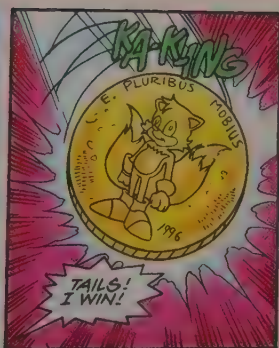
I'LL GET YOU, JULIAN!



LONG LIVE THE KING!







I DON'T BELIEVE
IT! IT'S SIR CHARLES'
NEPHEW--

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

THE Dream ZONE PART THREE!

BUT WHAT
IS HE DOING
HERE?

HOW DID
HE FIND
ME?

HOO BOY!
WASN'T THAT A
WILD, STRANGE
TRIP!

THAT MEDICINE
MALLARD'S DEVICE
REALLY WORKS!

FEELS SO
DREAMLIKE, YET
SO REAL!

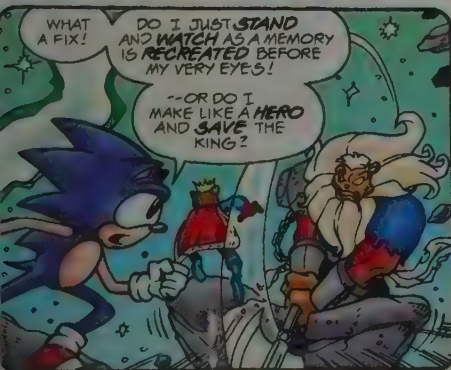
KIND'A LIKE THAT
VIRTUAL REALITY ENVI-
RONMENT ROBOTNIK HAD
TRAPPED US IN!*

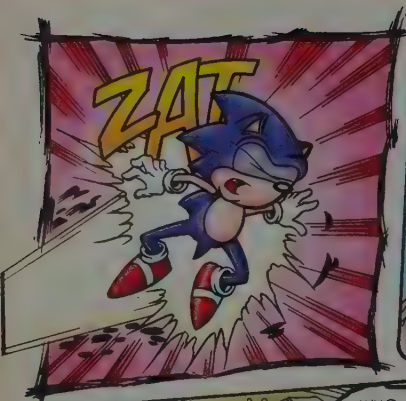
SO ROBOTNIK
TRAPPED YOU HERE
AS WELL?

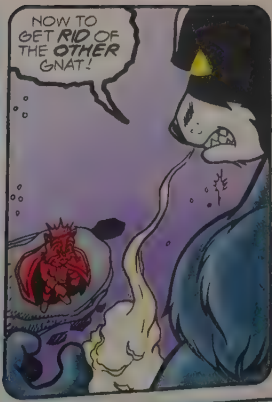
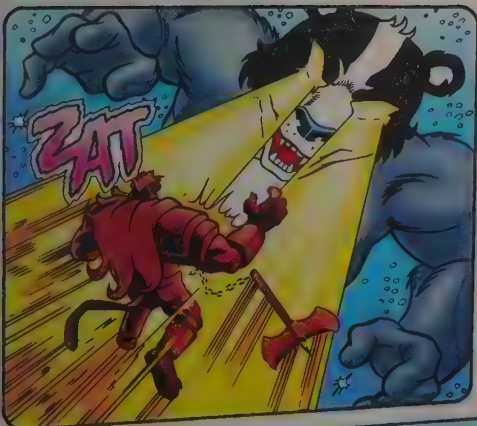
WHA--?
OH, KING
ACORN!

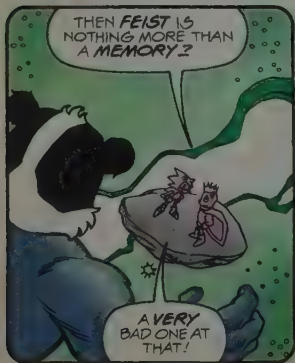
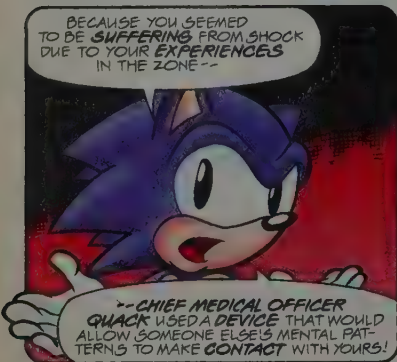
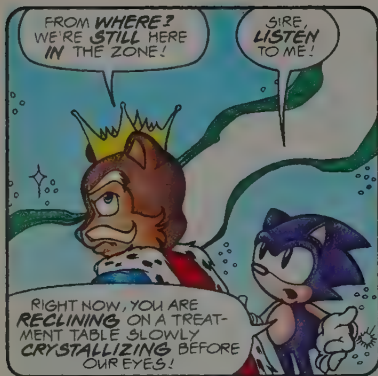
TELL ME,
SONIC, IS MY
DAUGHTER
ALRIGHT?

*WAY BACK IN SONIC #16, REMEMBER?--EDITOR









YOU HAD **LOST**
YOUR MEMORY, NO
DOUBT AS A RESULT OF
OUR **ENCOUNTER**
WITH **FEIST**!

SO I DIDN'T
EVEN KNOW **YOU**
WHEN YOU FOUND
ME?

YOU DIDN'T **EVEN**
KNOW YOUR OWN
DAUGHTER!

AND
ROBOTNIK?
WHAT'S HAPPENED
SINCE I WAS IN
THE **ZONE**?

ROBOTNIK SENT
OUT HIS **ROBOT ARMY**
TO **CAPTURE** ALL THE
CITIZENS OF
MOBOTROPOLIS!

THEN, HE WOULD SEND
THEM INTO HIS **ROBOT-**
ICIZER, WHICH **TRANS-**
FORMED THEM INTO
MINDLESS ROBOT
SLAVES!

SOME OF US MANAGED TO MAKE
OUR WAY INTO THE **GREAT FOREST** WHERE
WE SET UP **KNOTHOLE VILLAGE**--OUR
BASE OF OPERATIONS AS WELL AS OUR
HOME AWAY FROM HOME!

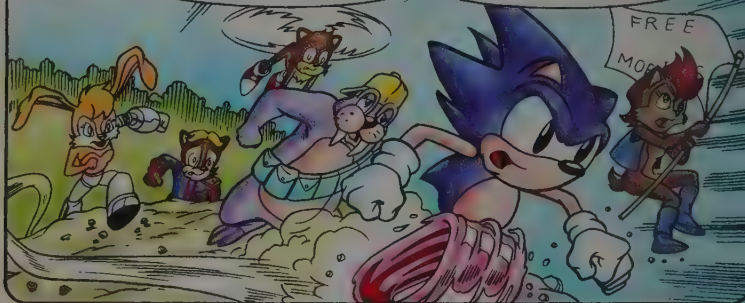
REMEMBER,
GUYS, TO **WHISTLE**
WHILE YOU
WORK!

SO WHAT
HAPPENED
NEXT?



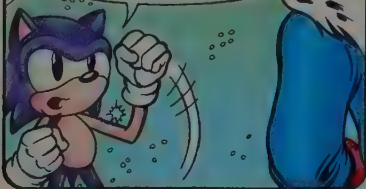
ROBOTNIK PROCEEDED
TO **CREATE** HIS OWN WORLD
ORDER AND **POLLUTE** THE
ENVIRONMENT!

EVER **SINCE** THEN
WE'VE BEEN **FIGHTING BACK**
--ACHIEVING A VICTORY **HERE**
A VICTORY **THERE**!



BUT WE **HAVEN'T**
BEEN ABLE TO DELIVER
THE **KNOCKOUT PUNCH**,
SIRE!

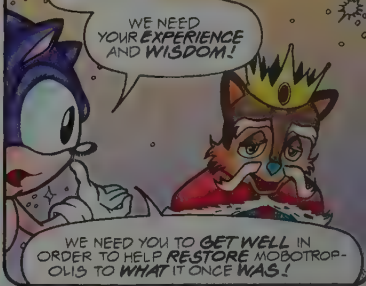
ROBOTNIK JUST
KEEPS COMING UP WITH
NEWER AND **DEADLIER**
WEAPONS!



WE **NEED**
YOU, KING
ACORN!

WE **NEED**
YOUR **EXPERIENCE**
AND **WISDOM**!

WE **NEED** YOU TO **GET WELL** IN
ORDER TO HELP **RESTORE** MOBOTROPOLIS
TO **WHAT** IT ONCE WAS!



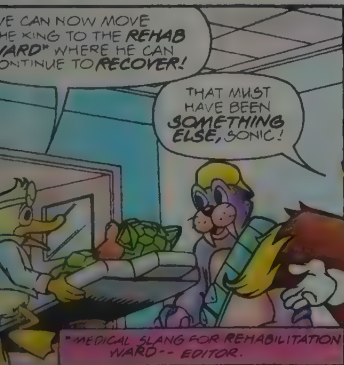
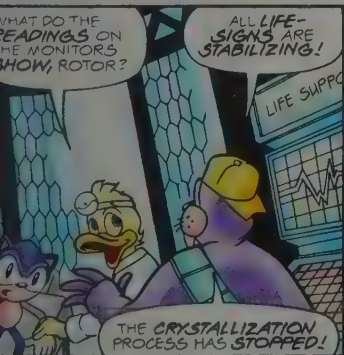
BUT ABOVE
ALL ELSE, SALLY
NEEDS HER
FATHER!



YOU'RE
RIGHT,
SONIC!

SONIC?
SONIC!





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SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



SEE THIS,
SONIC?

THIS HERE SEPARATES
THE WINNERS FROM THE
WIMPS! THE ULTIMATE
IN FIREPOWER!

THAT
LITTLE
THING?

WATCH!

YOU WANT
IT WHEN

SPROING!!!!



IS THAT
WOKIN' OR
WHAT?!

YE-OW, ROTOR!
WHAT KIND OF KICK
THAT BRUISER HAVE?

THAT'S A
PLANET BUSTER
IF EVER I SAW ONE !!!

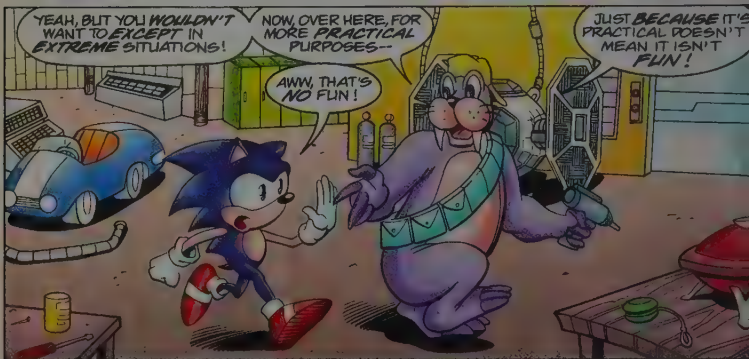
ACTUALLY, IT'S
MY PARTY-HEARTY
GUADRA-SONIC
ROCK'N'ROLLER!



THIS THING'LL BLOW
THROUGH DOORS, WALLS,
IMPENETRABLE BARRIERS,
YOU NAME IT!



DIFFERENT
ZONES?



YEAH, BUT YOU *WOULDN'T*
WANT TO EXCEPT IN
EXTREME SITUATIONS!

NOW, OVER HERE, FOR
MORE PRACTICAL
PURPOSES--

AWW, THAT'S
NO FUN!

JUST BECAUSE IT'S
PRACTICAL DOESN'T
MEAN IT ISN'T
FUN!



AND THE DAY
EATING QUILTS
BEING FUN--

HOLD IT!
THE
ALARM!

BOY, AND IS IT
CRANKIN'!

BLURT!



LET'S SEE WHAT
THE BOARD
SAYS!

MAYBE SOMEBODY
TRIPPED OVER A
LOST SWATBOT!

SWISH

IT'S WORSE THAN THAT

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART I

MUCH WORSE!

ACCORDING TO
THIS, SOMETHING
CATASTROPHIC
IS HAPPENING ON
THE FLOATING
ISLAND!



Y'MEAN
KNUCKLES
IS IN
TROUBLE!

BY JEFFREY L. PENDERSON WRITES IT--MANNY GALAN PENCILS IT--ANDREW PERCY INKS IT--VICKIE WILLIAMS LETTERS IT--
BARRY GROSSMAN COLORS IT--JUSTIN FREEDY GABRIE EDITS IT--VICTOR GORELICK MING EDITOR--RICHARD GOLDWATER CHIEF

WELL, THAT'S
ONE WAY OF
PUTTING IT,
SONIC!

I'D BETTER
ALERT THE
PRINCESS!



NO NEED, ROTOR! I'M
ALREADY HERE!

ALRIGHT,
EVERYONE--





"LET'S SCRAMBLE!"

MON DIEU!
EVERYTHING'S
AN EMERGENCY
AROUND HERE!



DOESN'T ANYONE KNOW HOW TO
RELAX ON ZERO DAY OFF ?

WHERE TO
ZIS TIME?

"NONE OTHER THAN THE LAND OF ECHIDNAS AND
CHAOS EMERALDS--THE FLOATING ISLAND..."

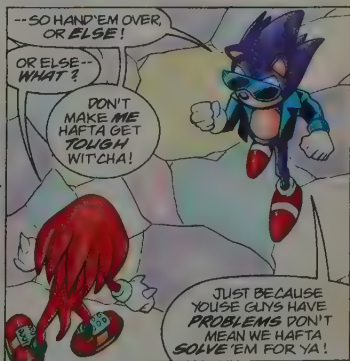
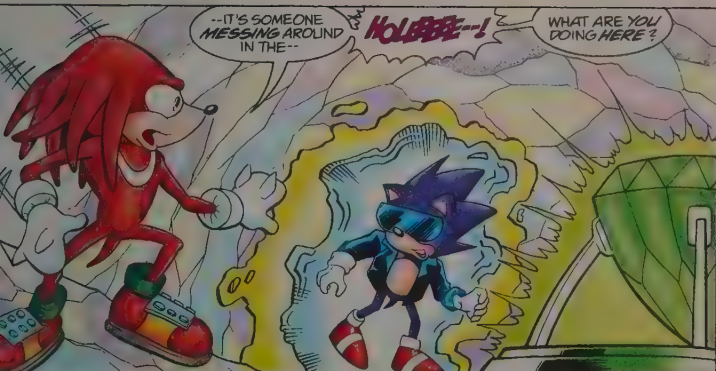


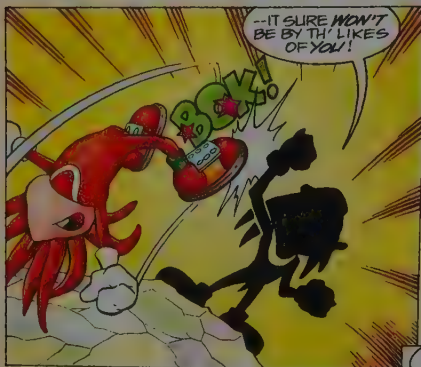
THAT QUAKE
CAN ONLY MEAN
ONE THING!

SOMETHING OR
SOMEONE IS MESSING
AROUND IN THE CHAOS
CHAMBER!



AND IF
THERE'S ONE
THING I DON'T
LIKE--





KNUCKLES! WHAT
ARE YOU DOING
LYING DOWN ON
THE JOB?

GET UP
AND STOP
EM, SON!

ARCHIMEDES!

TALK ABOUT A
GREAT SENSE OF
TIMING--

I HURRIED
OVER AS SOON
AS I HEARD
THERE WAS
TROUBLE!

AS SOON AS YOU HEARD?
I DIDN'T KNOW NEWS
TRAVELED THAT FAST!

THERE ARE
MANY THINGS
YOU STILL DON'T
KNOW ABOUT ME,
KNUCKLES!

WHAT
DO WE DO
NOW?

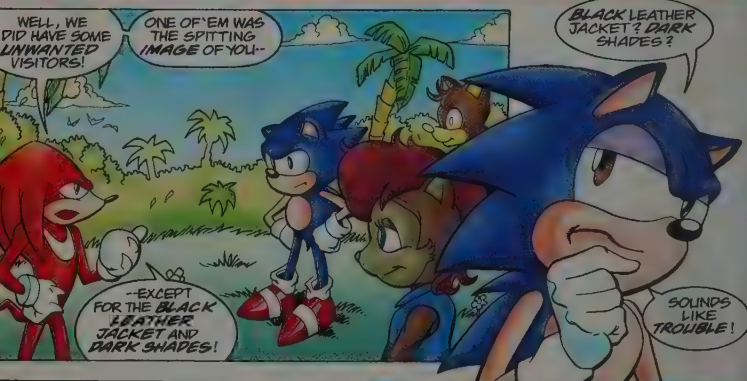
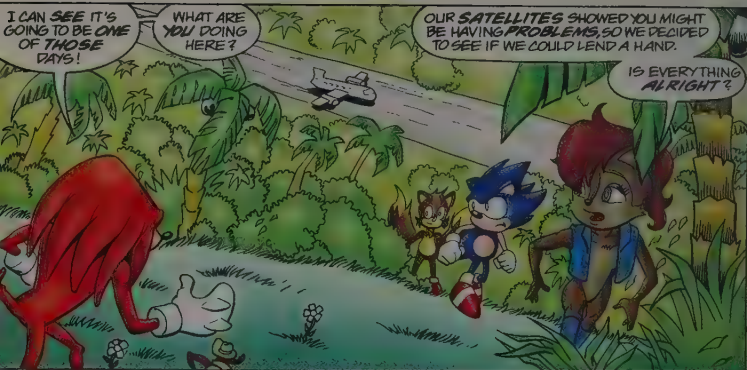
I DON'T THINK WE'VE
SEEN THE LAST OF
THOSE TWO!

SO IT
SEEMS!

ONE OF THEM DID BEAR A
STRIKING RESEMBLANCE TO
YOU WHILE THE OTHER LOOKED
VERY MUCH LIKE YOUR
HEDGEHOG FRIEND!

VERY-
FUNNY!

EXCUSE ME.
DID SOMEONE SAY,
"HEDGEHOG?"



LOOK AT

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG

GO!

HE REALLY
LOVES TO CUT LOOSE
ON THE COSMIC
INTERSTATE!*

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART II



MOVE OVER,
SLO-MOES!

ONE TRUE-BLUE
HEDGEHOG COMIN'
THROUGH!

SEE SONIC # 11, 19, 24, AND OTHER ADVENTURES REGARDING
THE COSMIC INTERSTATE, A LONG AND WINDING ROAD THAT
TAKES YOU ANYWHERE FROM HERE TO THERE! --EDITOR.


HE DOESN'T
KNOW, DOES
HE?

KNOW
WHAT?

ABOUT YOUR
KNOWLEDGE OF
THE FLOATING
ISLAND--
OR US!


NO! I'VE PROTECTED
YOUR SECRET--ALONG
WITH SO MANY OTHERS!

IT'S NOT
EASY,
IS IT?



NO, BEING THE DAUGHTER
OF A KING NEVER IS! EVEN
WHEN ON A VACATION--

"WHEN WE ARRIVED ON THE FLOATING ISLAND, I THOUGHT
WE WERE ALONE UNTIL I HEARD A SLIGHT RUSTLING IN
THE NEARBY BUSHES--



--WE WOULD TRAVEL
TO LOCATIONS ONLY
MY FATHER KNEW OF!

--IT WAS ONLY AFTER I WANDERED
OFF ON MY OWN THAT YOU
REVEALED YOURSELF TO ME--

WHO ARE
YOU?

THAT'S
FUNNY!
I WAS ABOUT
TO ASK YOU
THE SAME,
SISTER!

"WE DISCOVERED WE BOTH HAD
A GREAT DEAL IN COMMON--

MY DAD WANTS
ME TO BE RULER
OF OUR PEOPLE
SOME DAY!

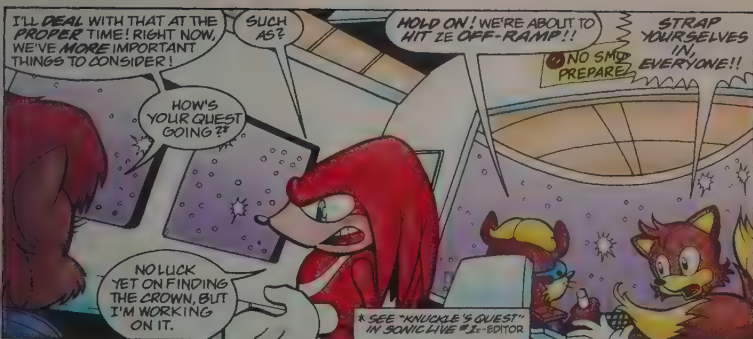
MY DAD
WANTS ME
TO BE GUARDIAN
OF THE FLOATING
ISLAND SOME DAY!

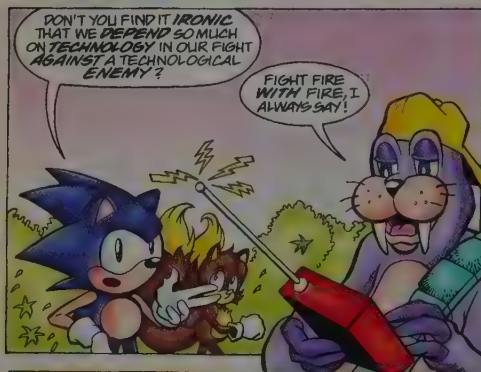
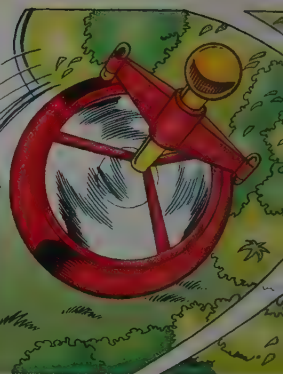
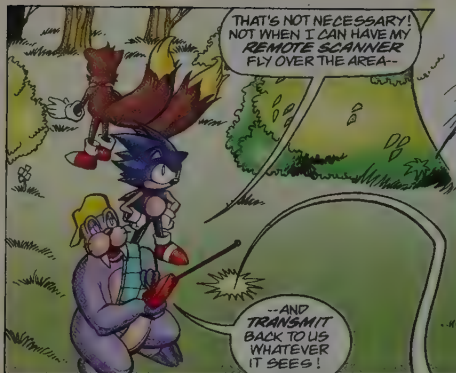
"UNFORTUNATELY, I COULDN'T TALK ABOUT
YOU TO ANYONE, LEST YOUR FATHER DISCOVER
YOU BROKE THE RULES OF YOUR
APPRENTICESHIP--

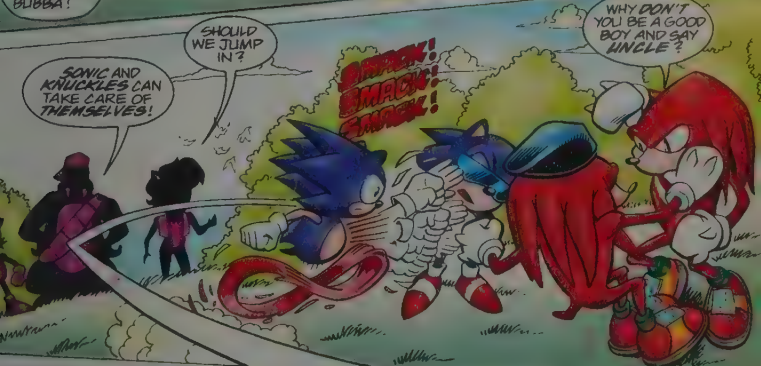
--NOT EVEN WHEN WE HAD TO GO
BACK TO THE FLOATING ISLAND
BECAUSE OF ROBOTNIK DID I LET
ON I KNEW YOU!*

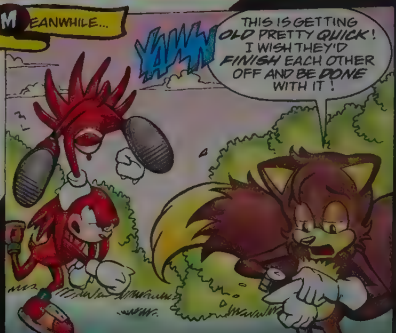
DO YOU
THINK YOU
SHOULD TELL
SONIC?

*REFER TO THE NOW-CLASSIC
SONIC & KNUCKLES #1-EDITOR





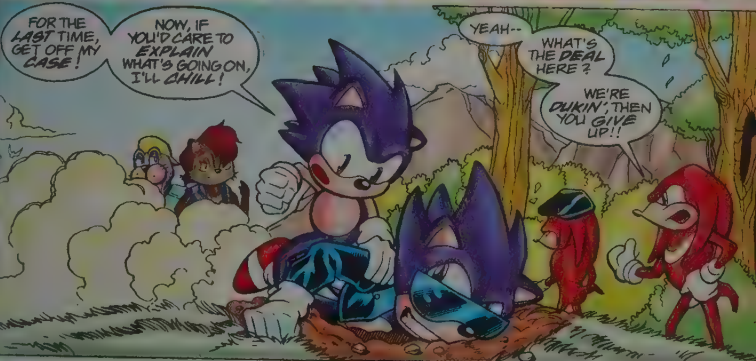
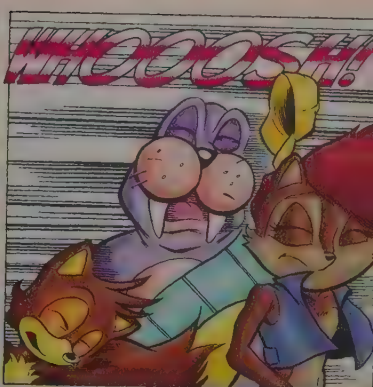






--SO I WON'T!

WHAT TH--



FOR THE LAST TIME, GET OFF MY CASE!

NOW, IF YOU'D CARE TO EXPLAIN WHAT'S GOING ON, I'LL CHILL!

YEAH--

WHAT'S THE DEAL HERE?

WE'RE DUKIN', THEN YOU GIVE UP!!

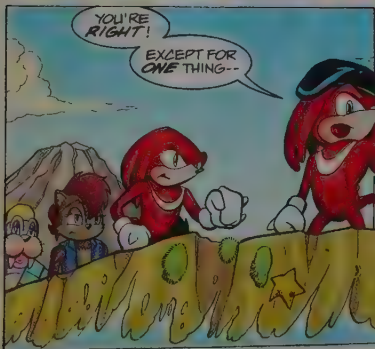


I SHOULD NEVER HAVE RESORTED TO VIOLENCE IN THE FIRST PLACE-- NO MATTER WHAT THE REASON!

AND THAT IS--?

SOMEONE IS DRAINING THE ENERGY FROM THE CHAOS EMERALDS THAT SUSTAINS MY ISLAND! IF WE CAN'T RESTORE THE ENERGY SOON ALL WILL PERISH!

AND THAT'S NOT WORTH FIGHTING FOR?



ATLANTINOPOLIS
IS STRAIGHT AHEAD.

SONIC THE HEDGEHOG™

WE SHOULD BE
PULLING INTO THE
STATION IN
LESS THAN 30
SECONDS!

WAY-
COOL!

THAT'S
PUTTING IT
MILDLY,
SONIC!

BLACK AND BLUE AND RED ALL OVER

PART III

END OF THE
LINE, BUT HOPEFULLY
NOT US!

≡ WHEW! ≡
AIR SEEMS A BIT
THICK!

UNLESS WE JURY
RIG SOMETHING FAST
TO POWER THE AIR
CONTAINMENT FIELD--

--IT'LL GET
EVEN
THICKER!

HOLD IT! DO
YOU GUYS HEAR
SOMETHING?



SOUNDS LIKE DRILLING OR BLASTING!

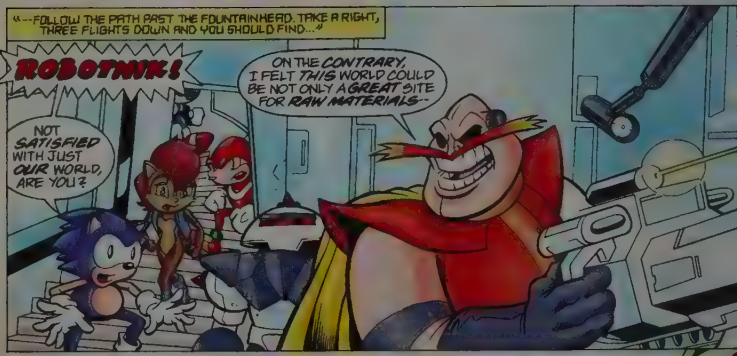
IT'S A BIG COMPLEX. COULD BE ANY NUMBER OF PLACES!

WHAT ABOUT IT, NICOLE? CAN YOU HELP?

SCANNING.

HEAD NORTH BY NORTH - WEST TO THE LOWER LEVELS--

ANY IDEA WHERE FROM?



---FOLLOW THE PATH PAST THE FOUNTAINHEAD. TAKE A RIGHT, THREE FLIGHTS DOWN AND YOU SHOULD FIND---

ROBOTNIK!

ON THE CONTRARY, I FELT THIS WORLD COULD BE NOT ONLY A GREAT SITE FOR RAW MATERIALS--

NOT SATISFIED WITH JUST OUR WORLD, ARE YOU?



--BUT ALSO A BETA-SITE TO TEST MY LATEST DEVICES BEFORE I USED THEM ON YOU!

POWERED BY THE CHAOS EMERALDS I APPROPRIATED HERE--

--THIS PACKS MORE PUNCH THAN ANYTHING YOU'VE ENCOUNTERED BEFORE--

BEHOLD!

KRZZZT!

I COULDN'T SPLIT THROUGH
DIMENSIONS OR ZONES WITHOUT
ATTRACTING YOUR ATTENTION--

--BUT HERE I CAN CREATE ALL
SORTS OF INTERDIMENSIONAL
DOORWAYS WITHOUT AROUSING
THE CITIZENRY!

AND
YOU KNOW
WHY?

THERE ISN'T ANY WAR,
SO THEY CHALK UP WHATEVER
DISTURBANCE I MAKE TO BEING A
NATURAL OCCURRENCE!

THAT'S SO
TWISTED OF YOU
TO EXPLOIT
OUR WORLD LIKE
THAT!

WISH I
THOUGHT
OF IT
FIRST!

YES, I
THOUGHT SO,
TOO!

YOU HAVE ONE
SERIOUS
RAWBACK!

YOU'RE STILL A
HEDGEHOG!

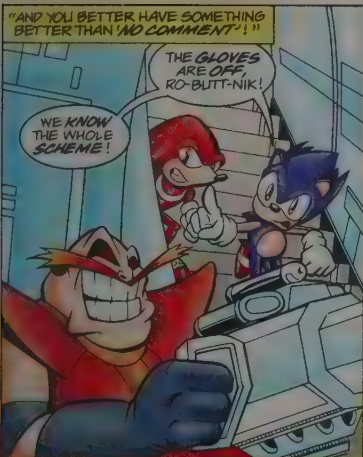
WHAT'S
THAT?

TAKE THEM
TO WHERE
THEY CAN
COMMUNE
WITH THE
FISH--

--UP CLOSE
AND
PERSONAL!

HAHAHAHA





"AND YOU BETTER HAVE SOMETHING BETTER THAN *NO COMMENT*!"

THE *GLOVES* ARE OFF, RO-BUTT-NIK!

WE KNOW THE WHOLE SCHEME!



EVIL SONIC WAS WORKING IN *CANHOOTS* WITH YOU FOR A *PIECE* OF THE ACTION!

LIKE SO MANY OTHER *SMALL-TIME THUGS*, HE DIDN'T *REALLY* KNOW WHAT HE WAS *DEALING* WITH, *DID HE*?

NEITHER DO YOU, HEDGEHOG!

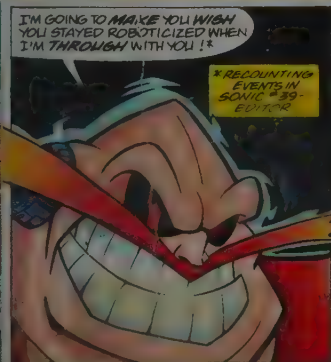
EACH TIME WE BATTLE, I GROW *MEANER*--

--AND *NASTIER*--

--AS THIS SHOULD PROVE!

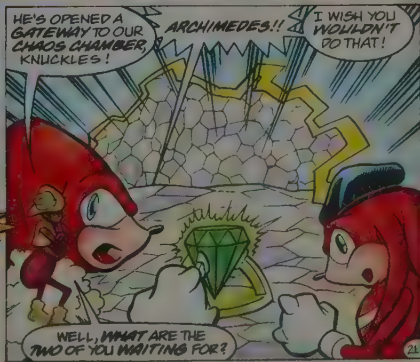


BRZZZZZZ!



I'M GOING TO *MAKE* YOU *WISH* YOU STAYED *ROBOTICIZED* WHEN I'M *THROUGH* WITH YOU! *

*RECOUNTING EVENTS IN SONIC #39-EDITOR



HE'S OPENED A GATEWAY TO OUR *CHAOS CHAMBER*, KNUCKLES!

ARCHIMEDES!!

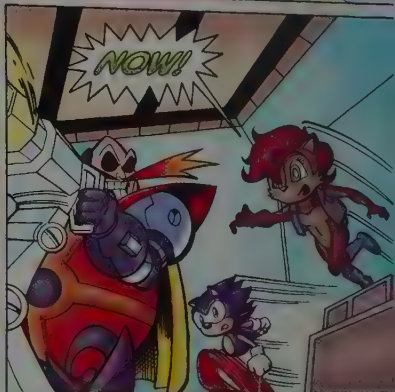
I WISH YOU WOULDN'T DO THAT!

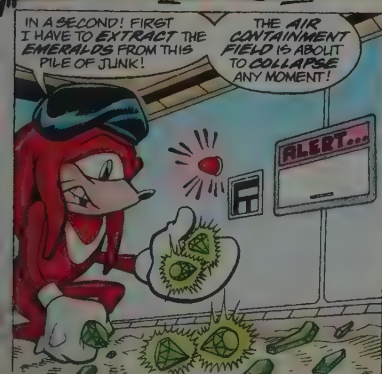
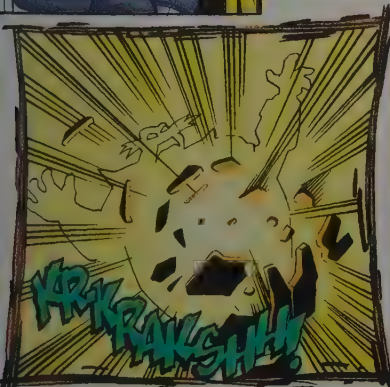
WELL, WHAT ARE THE TWO OF YOU WAITING FOR?

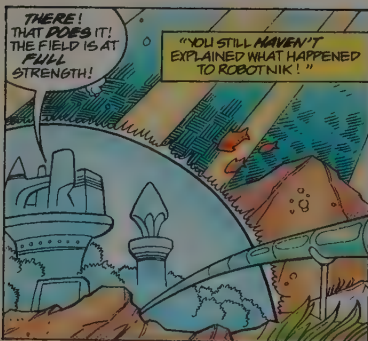


FRAZZZZT!

--AND AVOID THE PARTICLE BEAM!

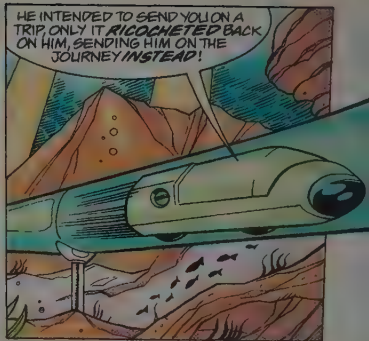






THERE!
THAT DOES IT!
THE FIELD IS AT
FULL
STRENGTH!

"YOU STILL HAVEN'T
EXPLAINED WHAT HAPPENED
TO ROBOTNIK!"



HE INTENDED TO SEND YOU ON A
TRIP, ONLY IT **RIICOCHETED** BACK
ON HIM, SENDING HIM ON THE
JOURNEY **INSTEAD!**



ANY
GUESSES
WHERE
HE IS?

BACK WHERE
HE CAME
FROM, MOST
LIKELY!

HE WAS GOING TO
DESTROY YOUR
KNUCKLES' CHAOS
EMERALD SO IT
COULDN'T BE
USED AGAINST
HIM!



ABOUT TIME
YOU **SHOWED**
UP!

TAILS! ROTOR!
THANK GOODNESS YOU
BOYS MADE IT!



HEY! AREN'T
YOU GOING TO
LINTIE ME?!

PLEASE, LADDIE, LET ME
TAKE CARE OF OUR
GUESTS FIRST!

I'LL GET BACK TO
YOU-
EVENTUALLY!

WHAT'S
UP, ROTOR?
YOU SEEM
DOWN.



IT'S MY REMOTE
SCANNER!

I ANTICIPATED US
USING IT EVERYWHERE
EXCEPT WHERE WE
NEEDED IT!

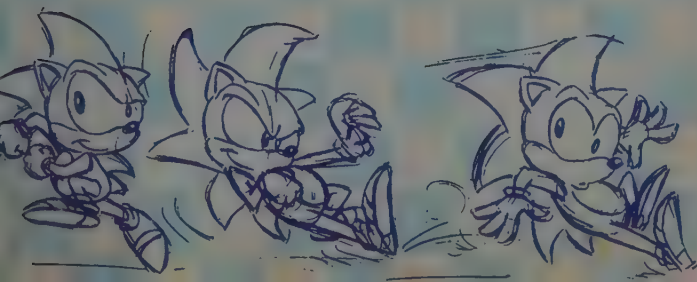
GUESS IT'S BACK
TO THE DRAWING BOARD
FOR YOU!

:grumble:
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THE END

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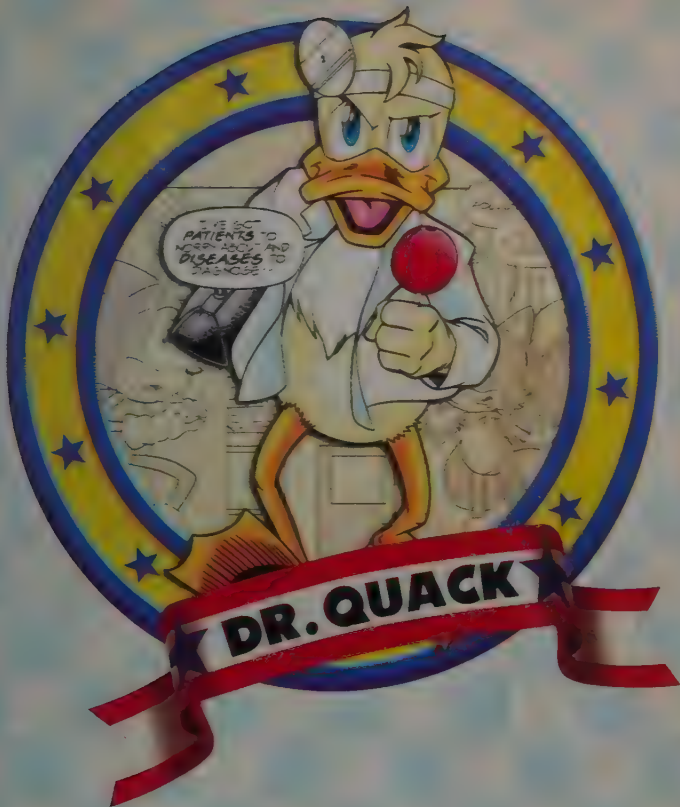
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You have just read some
of the earliest
and most loved stories from the
Sonic comic. We thought
you'd like to learn a little extra
about a few of your
favorite Sonic characters.





Athair

He is Knuckles' estranged great grandfather! Usually cranky and talking in riddles, is he truly a powerful mystic or just a crazy old man?



Dr. Quack

He's Dr. Horatio Quentin Quack M.D. - that's "Mobian Doctor!" He may not have the best bedside manner, but he's the best physician on Mobius!



Archimedes

A fire-ant who likes to play tricks on the young and gullible Knuckles! But are his pranks malicious, or is there an elder sage behind the facade?



Anti-Knuckles

The alternate Knuckles from Moebius, the Evil Mobius! Instead of defending a floating island, Anti-Knuckles protects the submerged island of Atlantopolis! He guards many emeralds, he wears a tam and throws a mean right-hook – but is he really evil?



Sleuth Dawg

A cunning mind turned bad! He was one of the top agents in the Spy Network until his greed had him fall prey to Dr. Robotnik's promises.



Feist

Who is Feist? What is Feist? Besides "big" and "powerful," nobody knows! His origin is a mystery, but his power is legendary.

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